虚喰

usogui

XII

PROTOCOROS

42 追稔雄

魔物娘！？

異世界転生

tensei isekai

Slide retractable seat
※スライド式格納座席

※防音・観音開き
Soundproof double door

被験者を
脊柱北慈に
固定

Bite Pen
歯形の押印

Nerve connection plug
※神経接続プラグ

※エアバッグ
内部Airbag
全身を固定
外傷刺激を
排除

脊椎部分に
6個のプラグを
直着

「信号」と
最適化して送信

内部センサー
被験者とスキャン
皮膚電位の測定

CHAPTER 451
THE SHRIEK OF THE BIRD OF PREY

FIRST ROUND,

THE WINNER IS FUKUROU-SAMA.

CHAPTER 451

THE SHRIEK OF THE BIRD OF PREY

…

I'LL GIVE YOU THE RESULTS... LISTEN WELL.

!?

LISTEN CLEARLY!!

AGAIN...

AGAIN...

THIS TIME TOO...

PERFECT ...

A OF ♤ | 2 OF ♤ | 3 OF ♤ | 4 OF ♤ | 5 OF ♤

FUKUROU-SAMA'S NUMBER WAS 15, HE USED

TO MAKE A STRAIGHT FLUSH.

Win

TO MAKE A FOUR OF A KIND.

HAL-SAMA'S NUMBER WAS 36, HE USED

4 OF ♢ | 8 OF ♧ | 8 OF ♡ | 8 OF ♢ | 8 OF ♤

42 CARDS LEFT.

…

!

♤	✧	♡	♧
A	A	A	A
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9
10	10	10	10
J	J	J	J
Q	Q	Q	Q
K	K	K	K

WITH THIS,

10 CARDS HAVE BEEN USED IN THE DECK.

HE WAS TOUCHING HIS LIMBS...!
FOR A SECOND... I COULD SEE HIS RELIEF...?
IT'S A PAIN SO INTENSE THAT YOU'D END UP BELIEVING YOU LOST YOUR LIMBS!?
COULD IT BE... THAT HE'S CHECKING IF HIS ARMS AND LEGS ARE STILL THERE...?
8.
VS
39
I MUST NOT... TAKE A HIT OF THAT THING...

KAH

2ND ROUND

WINNER, HAL

TO MAKE A FULL HOUSE.

A OF ♣ | A OF ◇ | 2 OF ♡ | 2 OF ♣ | 2 OF ◇

FUKUROU'S NUMBER WAS 8, HE USED

TO MAKE A FOUR OF A KIND

Win

3 OF ◇ | 9 OF ♤ | 9 OF ♡ | 9 OF ♣ | 9 OF ◇

HAL'S NUMBER WAS 39, HE USED

AMONG ALL THE KINDS OF PAIN, IT IS SAID THAT ONE OF THE MOST INTENSE...

IS THE PAIN FROM SEVERE BURNS...

DEATH BY BURNING

WE CAN SAY THAT THIS IS A BLESSING FROM HEAVEN. TO BE ABLE TO ESCAPE SUCH HELLISH PAIN.

IN A TYPICAL FIRE, A PERSON BREATHES IN SMOKE AND

LOSES CONSCIOUS-NESS.

ARE MADE BARE AND EXPOSED BY THE FIRE, MAKING THE SIGNALS OF PAIN BECOME EVEN MORE EXTREME.

ALL THE NERVES LOCATED UNDER THE SKIN

!

TO PEOPLE WHO ARE DENIED THIS MERCY, BEING WOKEN UP AGAIN AND AGAIN WHILE BEING BURNED?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

FROM REPEATEDLY TRYING TO CUT THEIR OWN TONGUE.

THAT THE PAIN INFLICTED WAS SO EXTREME THAT THEIR TEETH HAD CAVED INTO THEIR GUMS

IT WAS FOUND FROM EXAMINING THE REMAINS OF PEOPLE WHO WERE IN SUCH A SITUATION

"RELAX-ATION"!!

MADARA-ME BAKU.

USOGUI AND LALO DOWN THERE ARE BETTING THEIR LIVES EVERY ROUND.

START-ING THE COUNT-DOWN!

IN SUCH A CASE, RESOLVING THE "LAW" WILL BECOME MEANINGLESS.

THAT THE ALLIES WILL JUST ABANDON THE MATCH FOR SOME REASON.

WE CANNOT SAY THAT THERE IS NO PROBABILITY AT ALL. .

ALTHOUGH THE TWO UPSTAIRS ARE ALLIES,

THE BATTLE BELOW WILL END IF THE ONES UPSTAIRS CANNOT GO ON ANYMORE... WE HAVE TO ENSURE THE ONES ABOVE WILL FIGHT EACH OTHER WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT.

THERE IS NO ONE AT ALL

WHO DIDN'T GET THEIR MIND BROKEN BY A SINGLE DOSE OF IT!

THAT IS THE REASON WHY WE SET OUR EYES ON THIS WITCH PAIN!

WITCH PAIN WILL USE ITS MIND-BREAKING PAIN

TO FORCE THEM TO KEEP THEIR MIND AND KEEP FIGHTING!

AND THEN UPON INTERROGATION, THEY EASILY CONFESS EVERYTHING.

!

ONCE THE TORTURE ENDS, ALL THE VICTIMS HAVE THE SAME REACTION OF BEING RELIEVED, LOOKING AT THEIR LIMBS THAT THEY FELT THEY HAD LOST,

AND,

AFTER THE RELIEF GOES AWAY, THEY ALSO FEEL THAT...

HUMANS ARE WEAK AGAINST THE FEELING OF RELIEF THAT COMES AFTER PAIN.

IF THEY REALLY LOST EVERY LIMB, THAT MIGHT HAVE THE CONTRARY EFFECT OF SEALING THEIR LIPS FOREVER.

THEY DON'T WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE SAME PAIN A SECOND TIME.

NOW,

THEY BOTH HAVE THE WEDGE DRIVEN IN!

THE PAIN HAS BEEN CARVED INTO THEIR BRAINS SO DEEPLY.

THAT THEIR MINDS NOW SCREAM "DON'T LOSE" INSTINCTIVELY!

BEGINS NOW.

AND THE REAL BATTLE

THEY ALSO HAVE TO MEMORIZE THE SUIT OF THE CARDS USED UNTIL NOW,

ON TOP OF THAT, IT IS NOT ONLY THE NUMBER,

INCLUDING THE CARDS USED BY THE OPPONENT!!

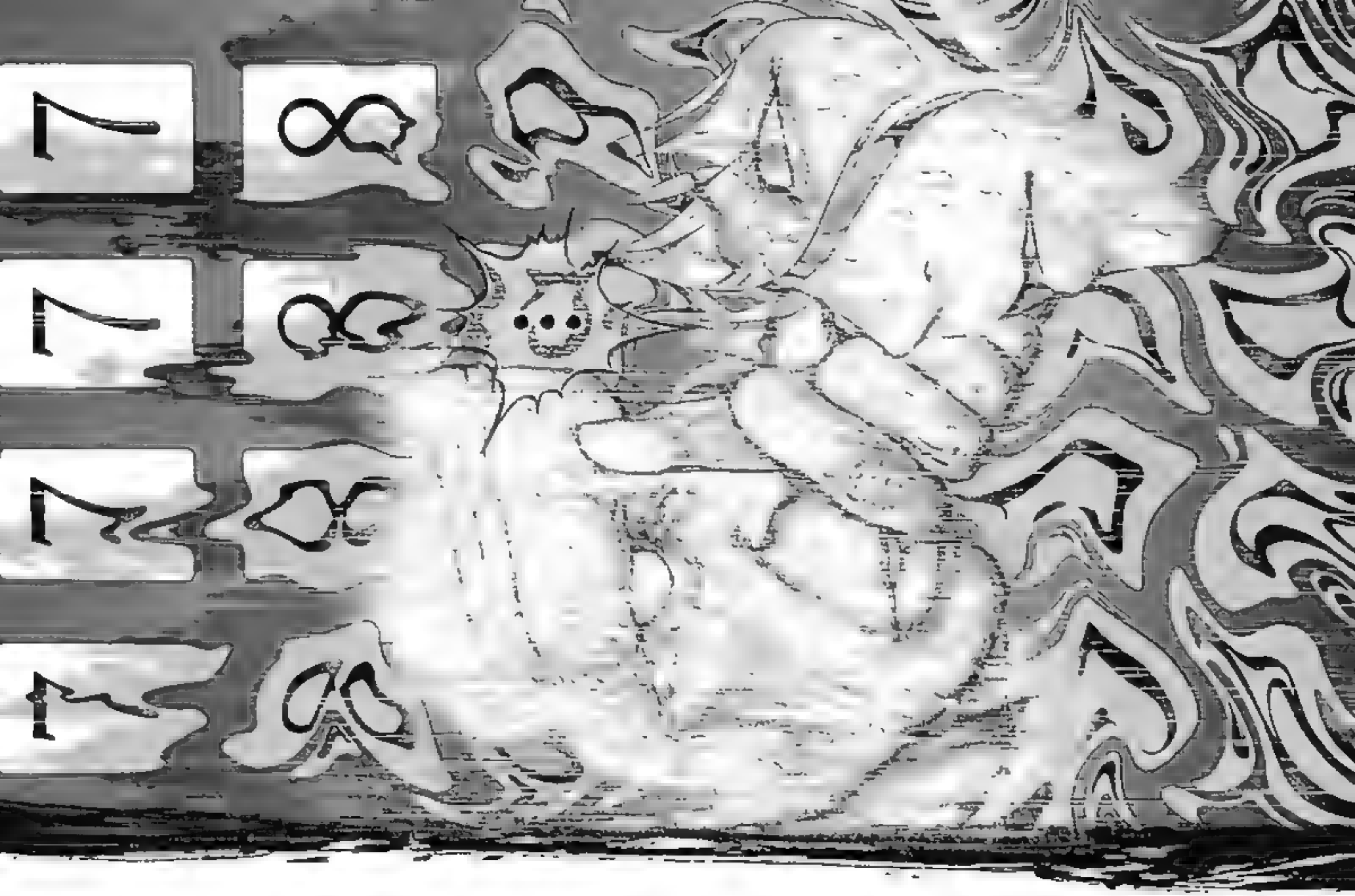
BUT THE PAIN IS ALSO SHUTTING OFF THEIR THOUGHTS!!

THEY NOW HAVE TO BATTLE WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT IN THE 3RD ROUND, WHERE THE DIFFICULTY HAS INCREASED LIKE CRAZY... UNLIKE THE LOWER FLOOR, NOT ONLY DO THEY NEED TO THINK TO WIN,

THE CURRENT REMAIN-ING CARDS OF THE DECK

WILL THEY BE ABLE TO GRASP

IN A SITU-ATION LIKE THIS!?



3RD ROUND STARTS

THE CARD HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.

IT'S "45".

THE CARD IS "47".

「45」

STRAIGHT FLUSH...

「47」...

ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH.

10 J Q K A

47 CAN BE MADE AS THE STRONGEST HAND IN POKER, THE ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH.

7 8 9 10 J

THE STRONGEST HAND FEASIBLE WITH 45 IS A STRAIGHT FLUSH.

HOWEVER, ALL THE "8"S AND "9"S HAVE ALREADY BEEN USED, MEANING THIS ISN'T AN OPTION ANYMORE.

CAN YOU SEE THAT TOO? CAN YOU COME UP WITH THE STRONGEST AVAILABLE HAND?

BUT, IS HE ABLE TO GRASP IT?

THERE IS ONLY ONE ACE LEFT!!

IS HE ABLE TO GRASP WHICH SUIT OF ACE IS STILL REMAINING?

A FOUR OF A KIND OF JACKS.

A OF ♡

J OF ♡

J OF ◇

J OF ♤

J OF ♧

A OF ♡

K OF ♡

Q OF ♡

J OF ♡

10 OF ♡

WHA!?

FLAWLESS.

A ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH.

ARE MONSTERS.

THESE TWO...

CHAPTER 452
LAST 2

THEY ARE STRONG

AND FULL OF TALENT.

YES, SOUICHI-SAMA.

ARE THE REFEREES STRONG?

WHETHER THEY HAVE

THE POWER

...

TO OBEY THE RULES.

THE POINT IS

BUT THEIR DUTY IS

ゴゴゴゴ

TO DOMINATE EVERYTHING AS THEY WANT...

TEACH THOSE BRATS A LESSON!!

THAT'S THE "JUDGE" FOR YOU!!

AN INSTANT KILL!!

HE DEFEATED THAT GANG, "SEALZ", SO EASILY!!

ONLY WHEN A REFEREE HAS THE POWER TO DO ANYTHING HE WANTS CAN HE BE CALLED A REFEREE.

SIGH.

HOW RECKLESS OF THEM TO FLIP THE TABLE IN A MATCH PRESIDED BY THE JUDGE...

THEY HAVE TO ALWAYS ADMONISH THEMSELVES TO BE PERFECT.

THEREFORE,

THEIR LEADER.

ONE DAY, YOU'LL BECOME

SOUICHI-SAMA.

I HAVE TO BE PERFECT TOO...

THEN,

WITH THE REMAINING CARDS, THE BEST IT CAN BE MADE AS IS A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF JACKS

"45" CAN'T BE MADE AS A STRAIGHT FLUSH ANYMORE.

45

J J J J A

RIGHT...

I'LL MAKE HIM WIN...

IS MADARA-ME BAKU

THE ONE WHO HAS THE PROPER RIGHT TO PLAY "SURPASSING THE LEADER"

I HAVE TO BE "PERFECT" ...

PER-FECT

THAT'S THE RULE I SET FOR MYSELF.

A-

WHA...

AGAIN ...!?

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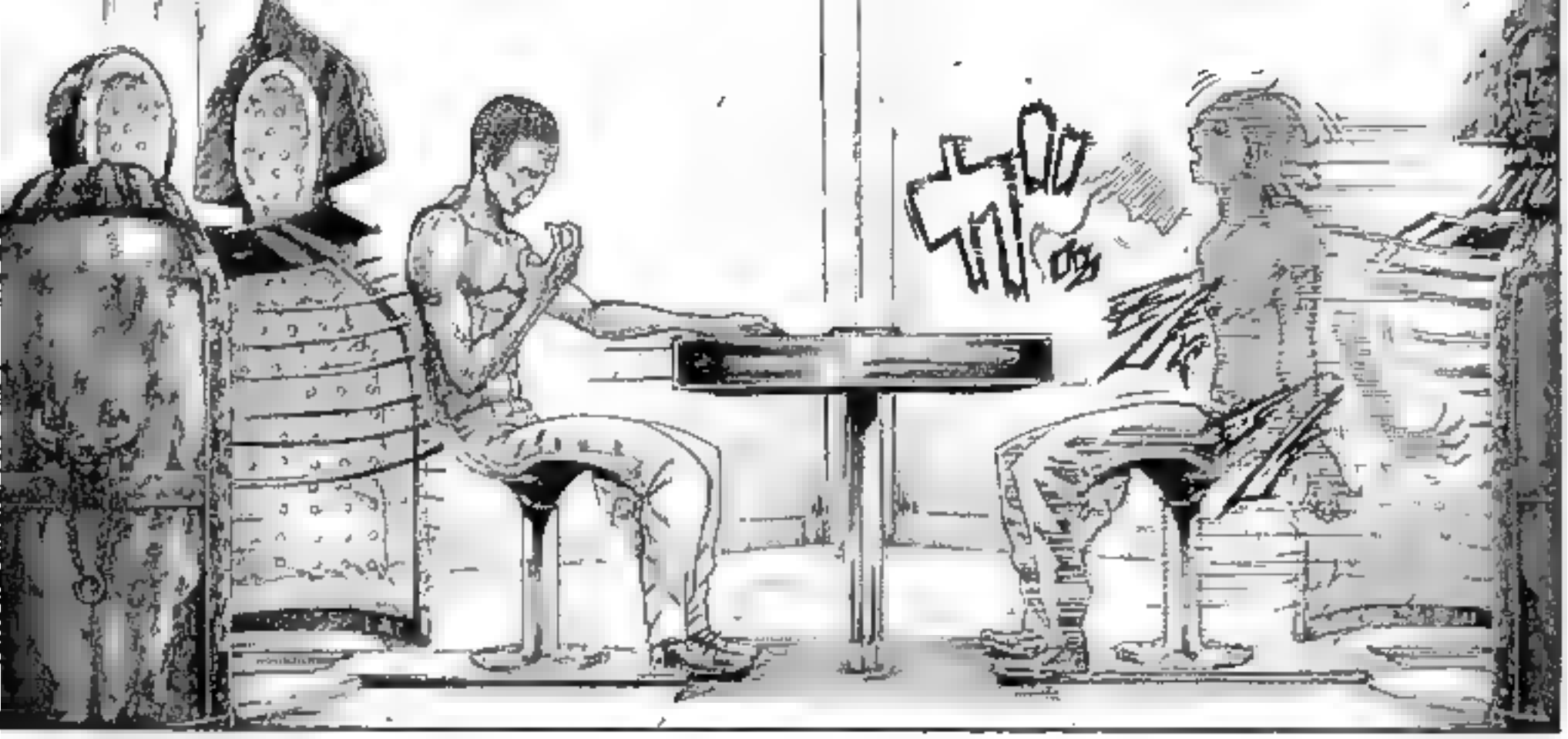

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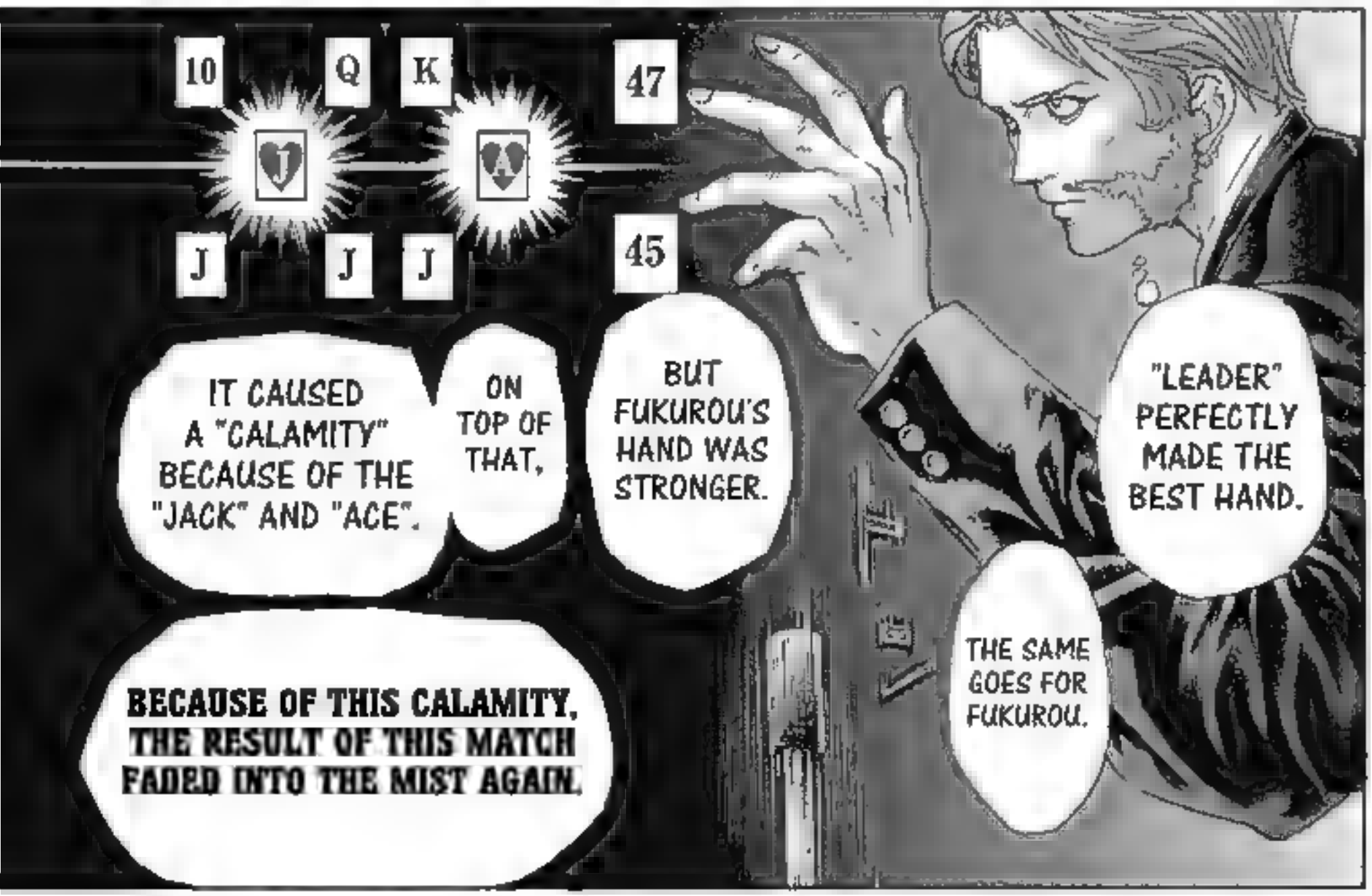
10
Q
K
J
J
J
47
45
IT CAUSED A "CALAMITY" BECAUSE OF THE "JACK" AND "ACE".
ON TOP OF THAT,
BUT FUKUROU'S HAND WAS STRONGER.
"LEADER" PERFECTLY MADE THE BEST HAND.
THE SAME GOES FOR FUKUROU.
BECAUSE OF THIS CALAMITY, THE RESULT OF THIS MATCH FADED INTO THE MIST AGAIN.

1F

USOGUI
17 AIR-BIOS LEFT

LALO
19 AIR-BIOS LEFT

ARE THE FOLLOWERS OF "FUKUROU" AND "HAL"... WHICH MEANS...

AND THE REFEREES WHO ARE PRESIDING THIS MATCH,

FUKUROU, WHO'S CURRENTLY INSIDE THE HQ, HAS LOST CONTACT WITH ME.

THEY ARE UP THERE ...?

ARE MADE BY THEM ...!?

THE POKER HANDS FOR EACH CARD

LEADER !!

LEA-

AS I THOUGHT...

IT'S ABOUT TIME.

LET'S EXPOSE EVERY-THING BEFORE THE FINALE.

THE 2ND FLOOR!

THERE ARE PEOPLE DOING SOMETHING ON THE 2ND FLOOR TOO!!

LOOK!

WHAT ...?

HUH?

LIKE I SAID!

THE LIGHT!!

I COULDN'T SEE THEM BECAUSE THE LIGHT WAS TOO BRIGHT,

BUT NOW YOU CAN SEE PEOPLE ON THE UPPER FLOOR!!

...

!

IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE JUST MADE A VERY CRUCIAL CONCLUSION?

OH?

WHICH MEANS,

THE PLAYERS AT THE BOTTOM CHOOSE THE NUMBERS,

AND THE PLAYERS ON THE TOP WILL MAKE THEM INTO POKER HANDS!!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT THAT FOR AWHILE! BECAUSE THIS GAME IS "POKER"!

HEY!?

SO...

HACHINA!? WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HACHINA!?

SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS...!?

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!? YOU LOOK SO PALE!

I FINALLY FOUND YOU, HACHINA!!

...

GET DOWN FROM THERE ALREADY!

...

YOU ARE...

THE GUY WHO WAS ON THE JALLOUD

!

YOU... YOU ARE...

O-

OOFUNA-SAN?

...

HUH?

RYUU-SEI!

MINO-RU!

LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT IN TIME.

INDEED.

REFEREE KADOKURA AND REFEREE MITAKA,

YOU'VE LEARNED THE GAME'S CONTENT THROUGH YOUR RECEIVERS, RIGHT?

THE 1ST ROUND,

2ND ROUND,

AND 3RD ROUND,

WE'VE REMOVED THE CARDS USED IN THOSE 3 ROUNDS.

THERE ARE

24 CARDS LEFT.

HAVE TWO CARDS LEFT.

63

44

BOTH OF THEM

26

25

26

ONLY 4 COMBINATIONS.

HOWEVER,

NO MATTER WHICH ONE THEY CHOOSE, IT'S A BET WITHOUT A GUARANTEED RESULT.

THERE ARE

NOW,

LET THE 4TH ROUND BEGIN.

IN THIS MATCH,

THIS IS LITERALLY A **GAMBLE.**

THERE'S NO PERFECT CHOICE!!

1ST ROUND

Win

15

A 2 3 4 5

STRAIGHT FLUSH

Lose

8 8 8 8 4

FOUR OF A KIND

2ND ROUND

Win

Lose

9 9 9 9 3

FOUR OF A KIND

2 2 2 A A

FULL HOUSE

3RD ROUND

Win

17

Lose

10 J Q K A

ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH

FOUR OF A KIND

J J J J A

CHAPTER 453

THE STRONGEST 4 CARDS

LALO CHOSE "47"...

REGARDLESS IF

WE WILL GET REWARDED OR NOT.

IF HE HADN'T CHOSEN "47" IN THE 3RD ROUND, THEN THERE WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH CARDS FOR "47" TO BE MADE AS A ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH ANYMORE... THAT WAS THE BEST TIMING TO USE "47"...

WE CAN ONLY MAKE THE NUMBER CHOSEN BY THE PLAYERS BELOW INTO THE STRONGEST POKER HAND

2 F

PLEASE CHOOSE A NUMBER FOR THE 4TH ROUND.

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THE ANTE... INCREASED TO 4 AIR BIOS NOW...

1 F

IF IT'S YOU... "THE VIRTUAL MAN"...

IT'S POSSIBLE.

ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH AIR-BIOS THE PLAYERS BELOW HAVE, I HAVE TO SEE THROUGH THE CONDITIONS I'VE LEARNED...

WHAT ARE THE 2 NUMBERS THE OPPONENT HAS?

AS I PREDICTED, A CALAMITY HAPPENED...

I WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD IF THE CALAMITY HADN'T HAPPENED...

2 CARDS LEFT... THE PROBLEM IS THE 2 CARDS LALO HAS...

BUT HE ALSO NOTICED THAT

THE BEST POKER HAND THAT MY "45" COULD BE MADE AS WAS THE FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF JACKS, EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMED TO BE A STRAIGHT FLUSH AT FIRST GLANCE...

IN THIS EXTREME SITUATION,

HE WASN'T ONLY THINKING ABOUT HIS OWN NUMBER, BUT INSTEAD WAS LOOKING AT EVERYTHING AS A WHOLE.

WHICH MEANS THAT LALO HAS RESOLVED THE "LAW".

DID LALO... AIM FOR IT IN THE 3RD ROUND?

ALSO, THAT CALAMITY...

IN THAT CASE, NOT ONLY DID HE CALCULATE THE HIGHEST WAGER HE COULD BET,

WHAT IF HE HAD SEEN THROUGH THAT "OVERLAPPING THE CARDS" WOULD CAUSE A CALAMITY?

IT IS NOT THE TIME

IN THE LATE GAME WHERE THERE AREN'T MANY CARDS LEFT,

LALO HAS THE UPPER HAND RIGHT NOW.

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE BIG POKER HANDS LIKE A STRAIGHT FLUSH THEY'LL MOST LIKELY BE A FULL HOUSE OR THREE OF A KIND.

IN WHICH CASE, THE BIGGER THE SUM IS, THE STRONGER THE HAND WILL BE.

USOGUI

LALO

LOOKING AT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE REMAINING "SPACE" OF THEIR CARDS,

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT LALO HAS

86

110

36

60

MUCH HIGHER NUMBERS LEFT.

USOGUI

SAME

LALO

2F

IF WE ASSUME THAT THE SUMS OF THE NUMBERS OF BOTH PLAYERS' CARDS ARE THE SAME,

3F

TO DO ANY UNNECESSARY THINKING RIGHT NOW.

IT LOOKS PAINFUL FOR THEM~

INDEED... THE BOTTOM SIDE'S THOUGHTS ARE LIMITED.

NOW, PLEASE CHOOSE A CARD.

IT'S CON-SUM-ING SO MUCH...

IT... KU...

FROM

DELETE THE CARDS THAT WERE USED UP UNTIL NOW

THE DECK...

1F

AND THEN THE REMAINING BLANK PART...

WILL DEFINITELY MAKE IT INTO THE BEST POKER HAND FOR ME."

THE TOP SIDE

"AFTER MAKING A DECISION,

THEY HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE THAN TO CHOOSE A CARD,

WHILE BELIEV-ING IN THAT...

THIS 4TH ROUND CAN BE THOUGHT OF AS...

THE 4TH ROUND

OF BLIND FAITH.

RIGHT?

YES, FATHER-IN-LAW.

RIGHT NOW, USOGUI'S REMAINING CARDS ARE "25" AND "26".

AND LALO'S ARE "44" AND "63".

USOGUI HAS A "25" AND A "26",

AND,

LALO HAS A "44" AND A "63", RIGHT?

USE THE REST OF THE CARDS TO MAKE THE BEST HAND FOR EACH OF THE NUMBERS!! WHICH ONE IS THE STRONGEST HAND AMONG THESE 4 NUMBERS!?

63
25
26

THEN, IN THIS 4TH ROUND,

IF WE ASSUME THAT "THE TOP SIDE WILL DEFINITELY MAKE THE BEST HAND"...

K♠ K♦ K♣ Q♦ Q♣

A FULL HOUSE OF KINGS,

AND

A FULL HOUSE OF QUEENS.

Q♠ Q♦ Q♣ 4♡ 4♣

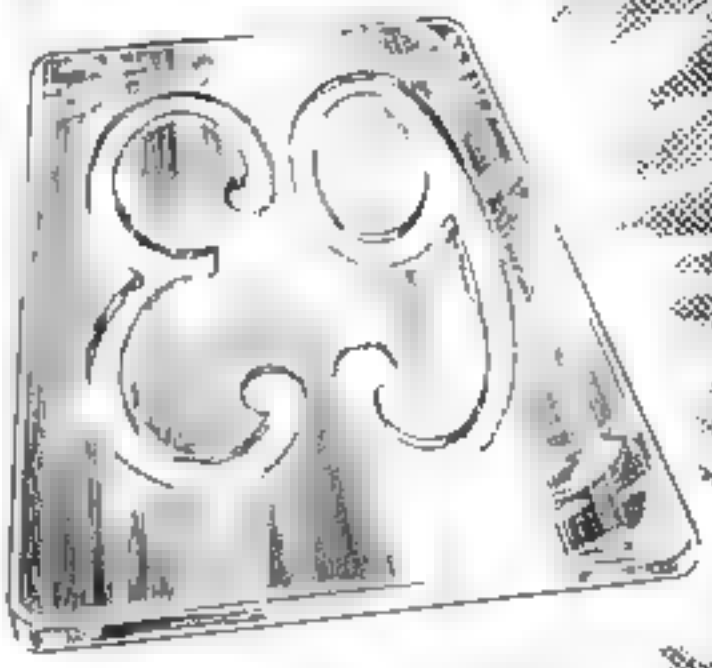
83

44

THE HANDS LALO HAS ARE

BIG FULL HOUSES.

THEY ARE BOTH



6 6 6 4 4

"26" IS A FULL HOUSE OF 6!

AND BAKU-SAN'S

BUT, HIS "25",

IT'S THE WEAKEST CARD AMONG THESE 4!!

26

3 4 5 6 7

IS THE STRONGEST!!

IT'S A STRAIGHT FLUSH!!

AND HE SUCCESSFULLY RESERVED IT...

DID BAKU-SAN RESERVE THIS "25"!?

IN THIS 4TH ROUND,

HE HOLDS THE STRONGEST HAND A "STRAIGHT FLUSH".

SO THE "45" BEFORE WASN'T HIS ACE CARD!

HOW-EVER...

OTHER-WISE...

I HAVE TO

MAKE THE BEST HAND PERFECTLY...

PER-

P-

PERFECT...
I HAVE TO...
BE PERFECT...

2F

3 4 5 6 7

K K K Q Q

Q Q Q 4 4

AFTER SEEING THE STRAIGHT FLUSH,

IF HE'S GONNA MAKE A BET, IT HAS TO BE THE FINAL ROUND.

BETTING ON A MISTAKE FROM THE TOP SIDE IS TOO RISKY.

LALO WON'T BET TOO MUCH.

THIS IS

A BATTLE OF SCRAMBLING FOR AIR-BIOS.

25

AFTER SEEING A STRAIGHT FLUSH,

WILL LALO STILL BET A LOT OF AIR-BIOS?

!!

THAT'S RIGHT...

THAT ...

BUT THE PROBLEM IS HOW MUCH HE CAN EARN.

IF HE CAN EARN A LOT WITH IT...

HE'LL WIN THIS ROUND WITH THIS CARD!

WAIT!!

INDEED, HE'LL WIN...

1F

THE DIFFICULTY OF MAKING A POKER HAND WILL INCREASE TO THE TOP IN THE 5TH ROUND!!

COMPARED TO THE FINAL ROUND, IT'S BETTER TO MAKE A BET IN THIS ROUND!

THINK CLEARLY, LALO... IF I TAKE ANOTHER HIT OF THE WITCH PAIN, THEN IT'LL BE OVER.

I CAN'T

NO!

TAKE THAT THING AGAIN!

WHICH ONE SHOULD I USE...?

WELL,

NO MATTER WHICH ONE I USE, IT DOESN'T MATTER MUCH.

3 5 5 7

4 4 6 6 6

ONLY IN THIS ROUND WILL HIS "25" BE A STRAIGHT FLUSH!!

IF HE USES THE "26", THE CARDS NECESSARY FOR THE STRAIGHT FLUSH WILL BE USED BY THE "FULL HOUSE OF 6".

IN WHICH ROUND WILL THEY ROLL OUT THEIR BEST HAND?

ONLY 2 ROUNDS LEFT.

HAS TO USE HIS "25"

IN THIS ROUND.

BUT, ONLY USOGUI

AND WINNING THE 5TH ROUND'S ANTE WILL BE ENOUGH.

GIVING UP THE 4TH ROUND.

5TH ROUND'S ANTE, 5 AIR-BIOS

I CAN'T... STAND IT...

YOU HAVE TO USE THE NUMBER THAT CAN WIN IN THIS ROUND...

.....

I WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IN THE FINAL ROUND

IF I TAKE THAT MISERABLE PAIN AGAIN...

!?

I ONLY HAVE TO WIN IN THE 5TH ROUND.

EVEN IF I LOSE, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

IT'S ABOUT TIME

TO CHANGE MY AIR-BIOS.

!!

LALO STARTED BREATHING HIS 5TH AIR-BIOS

18
AIR-BIOS LEFT

BAKU-SAN HAS NO OTHER CHOICE THAN TO USE HIS "25" NOW! HE HAS TO USE IT WHILE IT CAN STILL BE AN ACE CARD!

IF WE'RE TO BELIEVE THAT THE "TOP SIDE" WILL CREATE THE STRONGEST HANDS,

LALO JUST CHANGED HIS AIR-BIOS!

THIS IS JUST A LITTLE, SMALL HOPE, BUT 63 IS BETTER!

!?

THEN, IF LALO COULD AT LEAST USE HIS "63" NOW...

CHAPTER 454
A SMALL TRIGGER

LALO VS BAKU

5TH ROUND

10 10 10 7 7

FULL HOUSE OF 10

IF LALO USES "63" IN THE 4TH ROUND

K K K Q Q

4TH ROUND

FULL HOUSE OF KINGS

7♦ 6♦ 5♦ 4♦ 3♦

STRAIGHT FLUSH

IF BAKU USES "25" IN THE 4TH ROUND

5TH ROUND

5 3 6 6 6

THREE OF A KIND OF 6

THE STRONGEST HANDS DEPENDING ON THE TURN THEY'RE USED

NOTHING

5TH ROUND

IF LALO USES "44" IN THE 4TH ROUND

Q Q Q 4 4

4TH ROUND

FULL HOUSE OF QUEENS

4 4 6 6 6

FULL HOUSE OF 6

IF BAKU USES "26" IN THE 4TH ROUND

5TH ROUND

7 3 5 5 5

THREE OF A KIND OF 5

MOREOVER, THE REMAINING CARDS WON'T BE ENOUGH TO CREATE A HAND FOR "63".

IN THE FIRST PLACE, THERE ARE ONLY 2 HANDS WHICH HAVE A SUM OF "63". IF HE HOLDS HIS "63" FOR LATER, IT WON'T BE ABLE TO BE CREATED ANYMORE.

K K K J

K K K Q Q

K K K Q Q

THE NECESSARY TWO QUEENS FOR THE 63'S FULL HOUSE OF KINGS WILL DISAPPEAR RIGHT THERE.

Q Q Q 4 4

IF HE USES HIS "44" FIRST, THE QUEENS WILL BE USED TO CREATE A FULL HOUSE OF QUEENS.

LALO WILL PROBABLY.... NO, THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE THAT LALO WILL USE "63".

HUH?

JUST LIKE FOR BAKU-SAN, LALO'S "63" IS ALSO A CARD THAT HE HAS TO USE THIS ROUND.

WAIT A SECOND .....

A FULL HOUSE OF KINGS IS

「63」 K K K Q Q

SLIGHTLY STRONGER THAN A FULL HOUSE OF QUEENS.

「44」 Q Q Q 4 4

AFTER ALL, LOOK.

SO EVEN IF MADARAME BETS BIG, MAYBE LALO WON'T FOLD... I KNOW THE CHANCE IS VERY LOW, BUT...

IF I WERE TO USE MY ACE CARD, EVEN IF I END UP FACING "25", HOW TO SAY IT... I'D BE RELUCTANT TO LET IT GO.

BAKU-SAN, WHOSE "25" CAN ONLY BE A STRAIGHT FLUSH IN THIS ROUND.

TO AVOID LOSING BY HAVING NO VALID HANDS IN THE NEXT ROUND.

LALO, WHO HAS TO USE HIS "63" IN THIS ROUND,

IN OTHER WORDS, THIS 4TH ROUND WILL MOST CERTAINLY BE...

"25"

AND

"63"

A BATTLE BETWEEN THOSE TWO NUMBERS.

HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.

THE CARDS

SHOWDOWN.

"63"
!!

COME
COME COME
COME COME
COME

AND,

LALO, NOT BETTING, GIVES UP ONLY HIS ANTE.

LET'S SAY THAT "25" WINS NOW,

14

VS

21

THE AIR-BIOS WILL BECOME

LALO
14
AIR-BIOS

BAKU
21
AIR-BIOS

WAIT A SECOND ...

WAIT ...

ISN'T THERE SOMETHING WRONG...?

WAIT...

WAIT...

WAIT...

AUTOMATI-
CALLY BE
"26" VS "44".

THEN,
THE LAST
ROUND
WILL

FULL HOUSE

VS

THREE OF
A KIND OF 6

BAKU-SAN
CANNOT WIN
AGAINST LALO'S
FULL HOUSE.

EVEN IF THE
"TOP SIDE"
CREATES THE
BEST HAND,

16
VS
19

19
AIR-
BIOS

HE WILL
LOSE 5
AIR-BIOS.

16
AIR-
BIOS

IN THE
5TH ROUND,
EVEN WITH
JUST THE
ANTE,

THE ONE WHO WILL
CONSUME UP
ALL HIS OXYGEN FIRST

WILL BE
BAKU-SAN...

THE GAME
WILL END UP
WITH A
DIFFERENCE
OF 3
AIR-BIOS.

"25" VS "63"
IS NOT GOOD!!

HE'LL
LOSE!!

N-

NO!
WE'VE BEEN
MISTAKEN!!

"63"

IS...

“63”

VS

"26"...
USOGUI'S
CARD IS
"26"...
"26"
!!

HE
TOOK OUT
THE
REGU-
LATOR
FROM HIS
MOUTH.

NOTHING TO THINK ABOUT ANYMORE.

THERE'S

HIS BREATHING IS CALM.

AND —

HAL...

MINIMIZING HIS CONSUMP-TION.

THE THINGS HE CAN DO ARE LIMITED.

REGARDING THE REASON FOR THE REGULAR MEMORY LOSS OCCURRING IN SOUICHI SAMA...

LEADER,

THE TRIGGER MIGHT ACTUALLY BE A VERY SMALL ONE...

TODAY, THE DOCTOR SAID:

HIS BRAIN WAVES BECOME ABNORMAL TOO...

THE MOMENT BEFORE HIS REGULAR MEMORY LOSS,

DUE TO HIM HAVING AN OVERLY STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY...

A SMALL PSYCHO-LOGICAL PROBLEM...

HAVENT LOST YET.

I

YOU

ARE NOT PERFECT.

YOU LOS
AGAIN, HUH

LOOK AT YOU.

SO FULL OF HOLES,

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE

!

AND LIMBLESS?

...!

WE'LL START FROM SCRATCH

AS WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DOING UNTIL NOW.

WE HAVE TO START OVER ONCE AGAIN ...

FORGET EVERY-THING AGAIN.

WE HAVE TO...

YOU TOO

WERE NOT PERFECT...

DON'T WORRY...

LET'S FORGET. ONCE MORE...

I HAVE TO BE PERFECT.

...HAVE TO BE PER-FECT..

INCLUDING THE SMALL ONES.

THIS WILL BE THE 138TH TIME..

BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS REGULARLY, AND WE'LL BE DOING IT FOREVER.

DOING THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A RELIEF FOR US SINCE A LONG TIME AGO... DON'T WORRY IT'S FINE NOW,

NO.

THIS ISN'T PERFECT AT ALL!!

IF I FORGET IT, I'LL LOSE...

ALL OF THE "ME"S (BOKU) AND "MY-SELVES" (WATASHI) !!

GIVE THEM BACK!!

IF YOU WANT ME TO BE PERFECT,

THIS IS IT. THIS 4TH ROUND IS THE CRUCIAL MOMENT...

THINK CLEARLY, LALO.

...

!

WE HAVE COME ...

TO INVADE ...

WE...

!

WE...

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WHAT?

WHAT IS HE BLURTING OUT?

INVADE?

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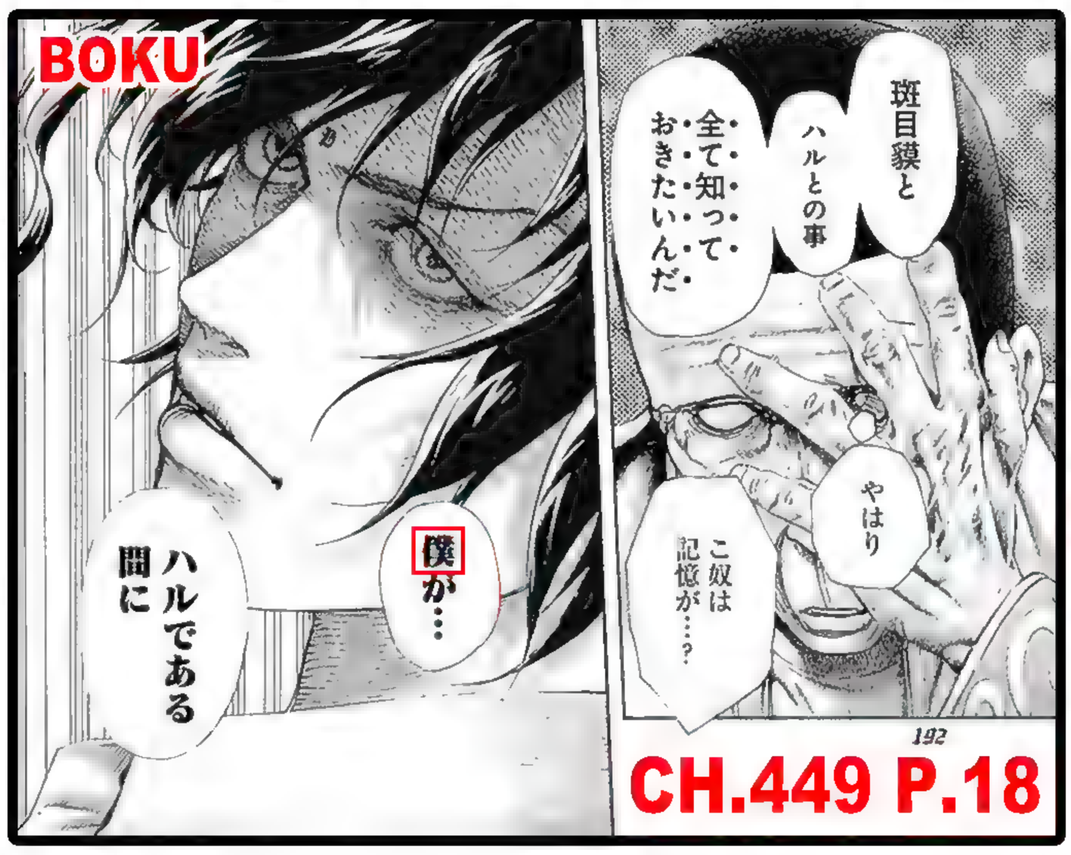
WE
WE ARE
THAT HAVE COME TO INVADE EARTH,
ALIENS
AND ENSLAVE HUMANITY.

SOUICHI HAS TWO DIFFERENT PRONOUNS:
WATASHI(私) AND BOKU(僕).

IN JAPANESE, WATASHI IS A POLITE WAY TO REFER TO YOURSELF, THIS IS THE MOST COMMON EXPRESSION THAT IS USED BY BOTH WOMEN AND MEN.
AND BOKU IS USUALLY USED BY YOUNG BOYS.

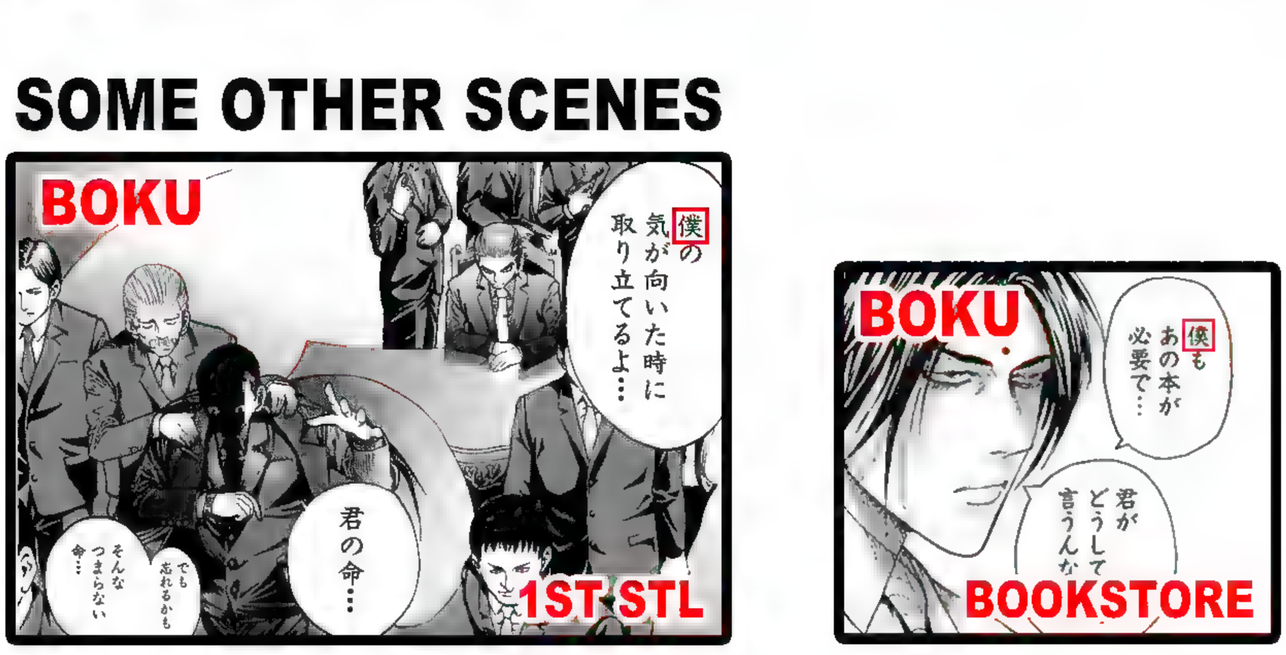
IN SOUICHI'S CASE, HE USED BOKU WHEN HE WAS A KID, BUT HE ALSO USES IT FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AFTER HE LOSES HIS MEMORY. AFTER SOME TIME, HIS PRONOUN WILL CHANGE INTO WATASHI.

THE FIRST TIME SOUICHI APPEARED IN THIS SERIES(NOT IN THE MEMORY), HIS PRONOUN IS BOKU. AND WHEN HE WAS FACING SASAOKA(DEPUTY COMMISSIONER) IN THE TOWER ARC, IT TURNED INTO WATASHI.
AND WHEN HE MET OOFUNA AFTER HE LOST HIS MEMORY, IT TURNED INTO BOKU AGAIN.



AND SOUICHI KEPT USING BOKU UNTIL CH.449.
IN CH.450, HIS PRONOUN TURNED INTO WATASHI.

SOME OTHER SCENES



IN CHAPTER 451, PAGE 4.
IT SEEMED LIKE HAL WAS ABOUT TO LOSE HIS MEMORY BECAUSE THE PAIN FROM THE DISMEMBERMENT MADE HIM FELT LIKE HE MADE A MISTAKE. BUT SHION COINCIDENTALLY MANAGED TO STOP IT.

CHAPTER 455

THE THREAD OF MEMORIES WOVEN TOGETHER

THAT CAME FROM A DISTANT PLANET

WE ARE THE ONES

TO INVADE THE EARTH...

...

WE ARE...

ALIENS

.....

CHAPTER 455

THE THREAD OF MEMORIES WOVEN TOGETHER

AH~HAHAHAHA

HAHA~HAHA

A-

AH!!

THAT LAUGH CLEARLY SOUNDS FORCED. SHION!!

PFF

ALIENS ...

ALIENS.. ALIENS

PFF

KUKU

K- KID,

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?

EXCUSE ME

AH...

HA~ HAHA... HA...

!

...

AH!

IS HE BROKEN?

IT IS NOW OBVIOUS... THIS KID IS BEARING SOME SORT OF ILLNESS...

!

NO ONE HAS EVER RIDDEN A RAINBOW.

...SO?

LOOKING AT THOSE PEOPLE STRIVING TO BE PERFECT,

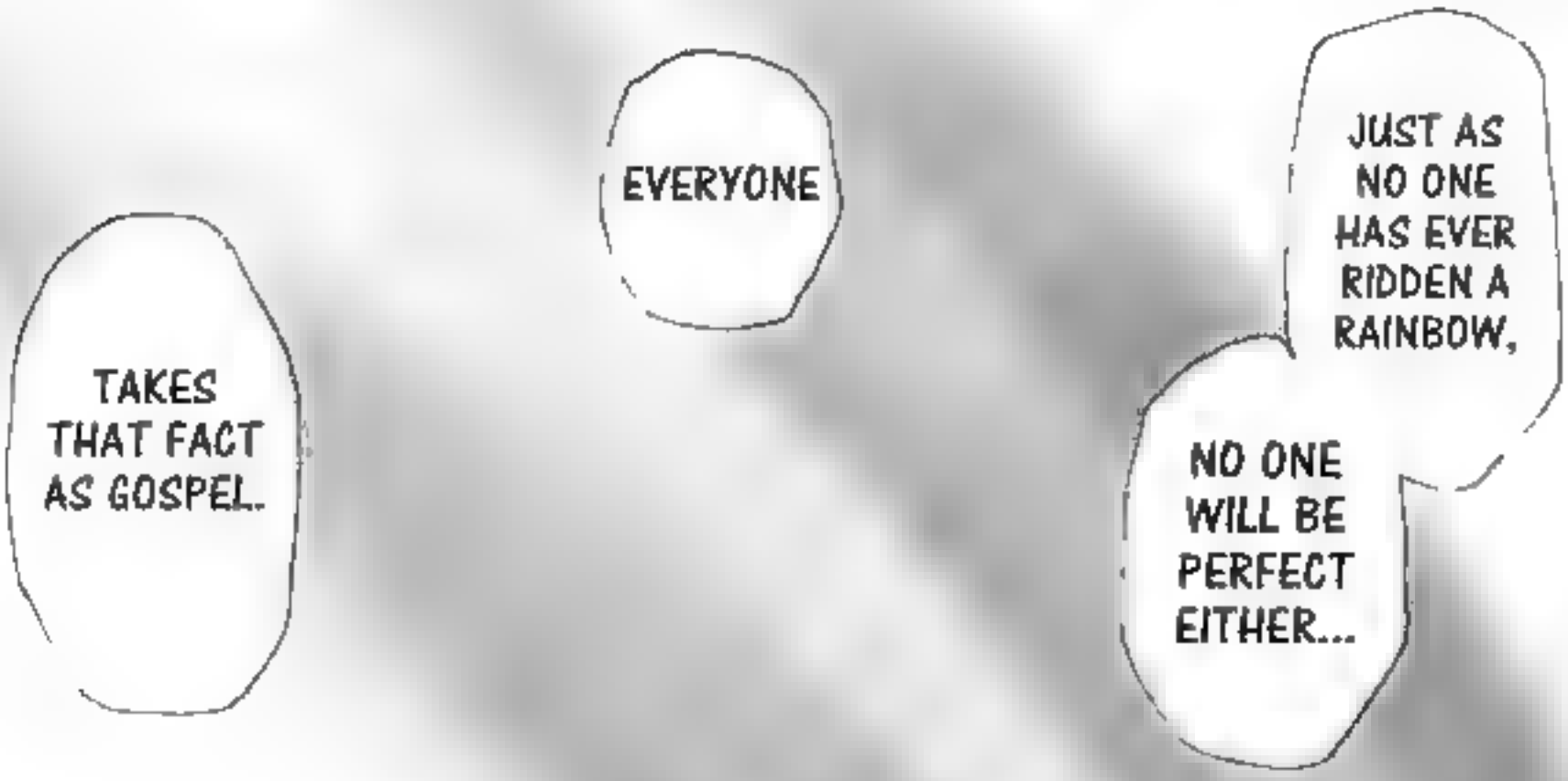
MADE ME BELIEVE THAT I TOO HAD TO BE PERFECT... TO THE POINT THAT I WAS OBSESSED.

REFE-REES...

THIS IS THE REASON WHY
EVEN PEOPLE LIKE REFEREES WILL STRIVE TO ATTAIN PERFECTION, TRYING WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT TO GET THE CLOSEST THEY CAN.

NO ONE IS PERFECT IN THIS WORLD.
HOW-EVER,

THEY GAIN A SPECIAL TYPE OF STRENGTH ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THEY AREN'T PERFECT... PERFECTION IS NOTHING MORE THAN A CASTLE IN THE AIR.
AND,


TAKES THAT FACT AS GOSPEL.
EVERYONE
JUST AS NO ONE HAS EVER RIDDEN A RAINBOW,
NO ONE WILL BE PERFECT EITHER...

THAT IS EXACTLY WHY HUMANS CAN NEVER ACHIEVE IT.

NEVER CAME TO YOU

MADARAME BAKU'S SACRIFICE...

AS

FUKU-ROU,

I (WATA-SHI)...

I (BOKU) AM AN ALIEN ...

...

I (WATASHI), AT THAT TIME,

FOR TODAY...

HAVE NEVER BEEN PERFECT WAS...

THE REASON I (WATASHI) WHY I [illegible]U)...

I SEE...

IT WAS FOR TODAY

FOR ME TO BECOME ...

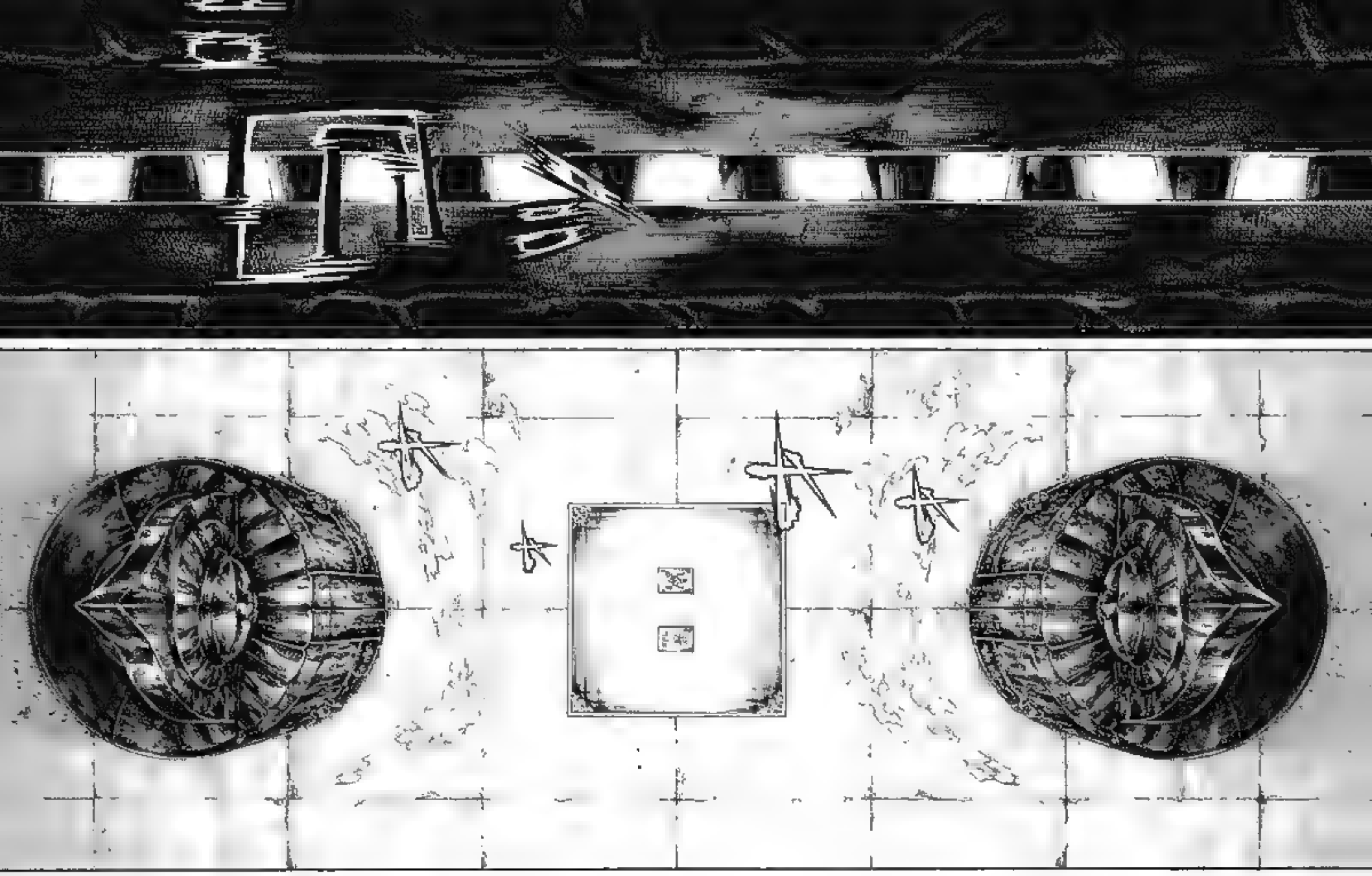
THIS VERY MOMENT ...

I'VE FINALLY ACHIEVED IT...

TO WEAVE IT TOGETHER.

OR THE OPPOSITE. IS ALL AT MY WILL.

...PERFECT.



THE CARD HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.

FUKU-ROU-SAMA,

BUT, WE HAVE TO KEEP ON PRESIDING THE MATCH...

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO LEADER.

"63"!!

"63".

THE NUMBER IS

AT HIS WILL?

63

26

"26".

THE NUMBER IS

"63"

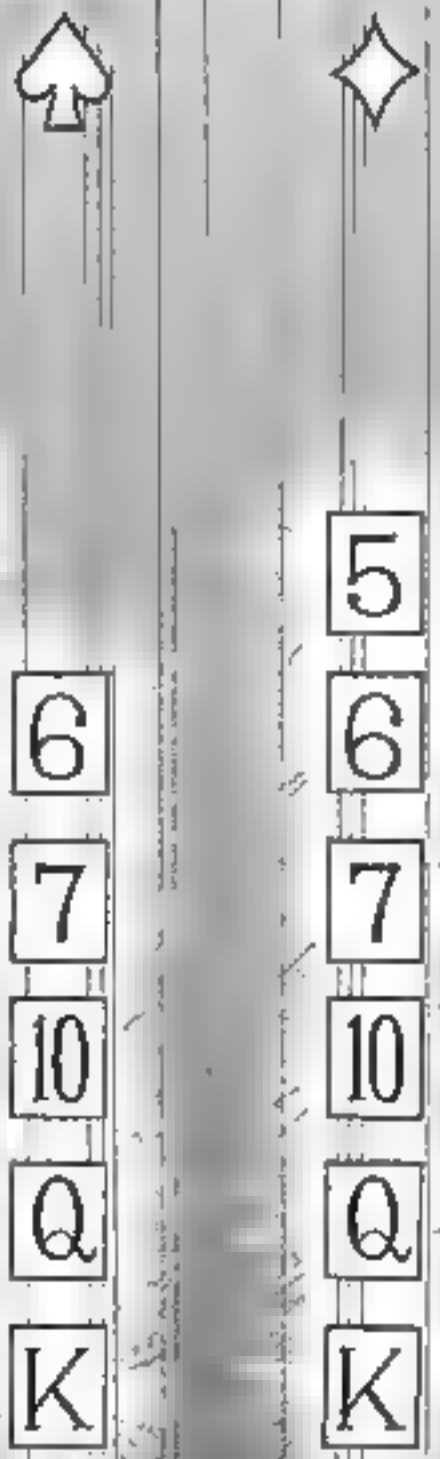
VS

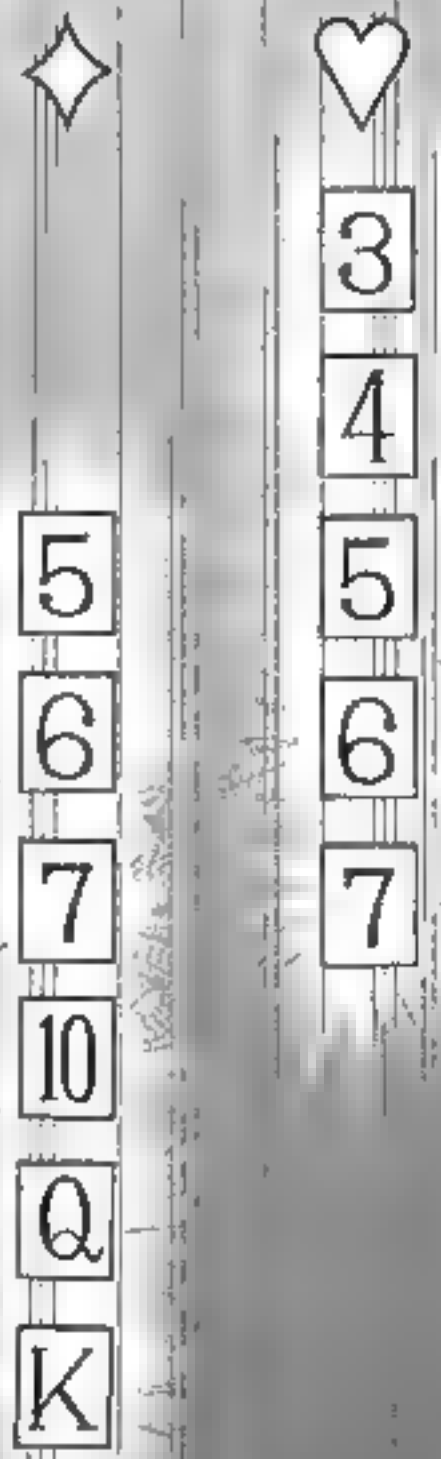
"26"

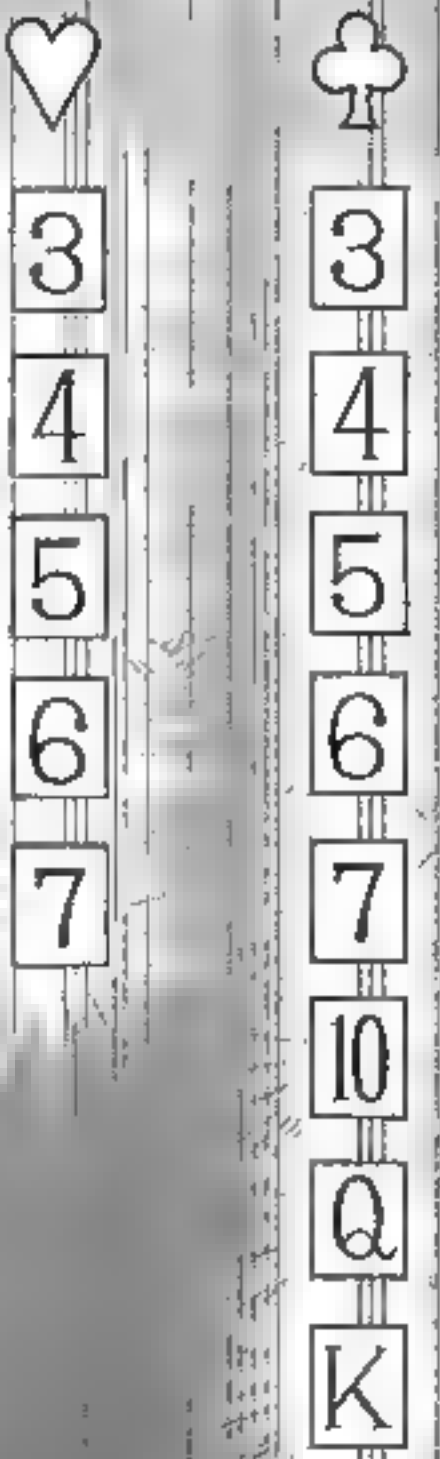
CAN THEY CREATE THE STRONGEST HANDS?

24 CARDS LEFT.

THERE ARE







"63"...

IT IS BIG...

PROBABLY A FULL HOUSE OF KINGS.

PLEASE CREATE YOUR HAND IN UNDER 100 SECONDS.

THEN, STARTING WITH BAKU-SAMA,

THE BETTING PHASE WILL BEGIN.

LET'S WIN TOGETHER, HAL...

I WILL BET ON YOU.

HIS BRAIN WAVES,

CARDIAC RHYTHM.

AND BLOOD PRESSURE.

THEY'RE UNUSUAL.

WHAT IS GOING ON WITH HIS VITALS...

!

YES.

!!

10 YEARS AGO,

HE'S BEEN SAYING UNBELIEVABLE THINGS... LIKE HE HAD ALREADY MET WITH FUKUROU...

COULD THIS BE RELATED TO HIS MEMORY LOSS?

SOMETHING IS HAPPENING TO THE ALLY HAL!!

SOME-THING

SHION,

YES.

TELL ME WHAT IS HAPPENING TO LEADER!

CHAPTER 456

THE SUICIDAL RAISE

FOR ME, PERFECTION MEANS

TO BE ABLE TO MANIPU-LATE

EVERY PART OF YOURSELF

AT YOUR OWN WILL.

WITH FUKUROU.

I HAD A GAMBLE

AT THAT TIME,

THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF EBA IN THE ARIZUKA BUILDING 10 YEARS AGO... TO THINK THE TRUTH OF EBA'S DEATH THAT HAD REMAINED UNSOLVED UNTIL NOW WOULD BE...

WHA-WHAT!?

EBA ENDED UP LOSING HIS LIFE BY SAVING ME, WHO LOST.

WHA!?

DISMEMBER-MENT,

IMPALE-MENT,

HE'S RIDDLED WITH WOUNDS AND ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSING,

I ALWAYS KEPT ON THINKING... WHAT IS THE MEANING OF PERFECTION?

BUT,

IT'S AS IF HE HAS BEEN REBORN !!

HE'S NOW IN A SPECIAL STATE OF AWAKENING!

FUKU-ROU

DEATH BY BURNING

HAL

DISMEMBER-MENT

IMPALE-MENT

CHAPTER 456
THE SUICIDAL RAISE

VINCENT LALO

18
AIR-BIOS LEFT

BREATHING HIS 5TH AIR-BIOS

VS

USO-GUI

17
AIR-BIOS LEFT

BREATHING HIS 5TH AIR-BIOS

BET

CHECK (NO BET)

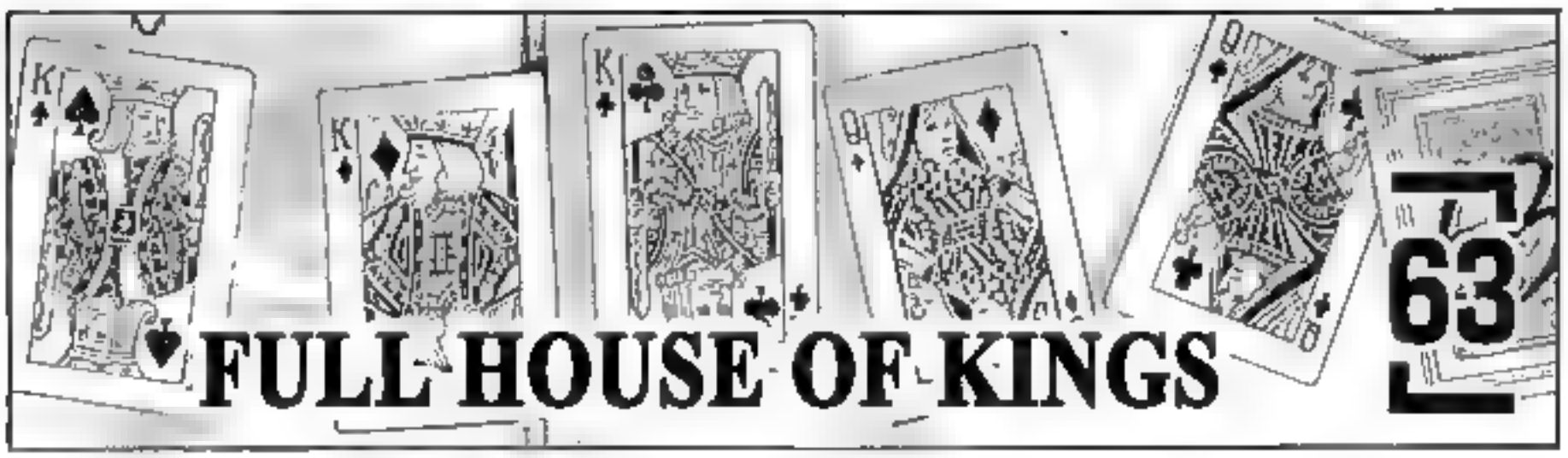
FOLD (QUIT)

THE BET STARTS WITH BAKU-SAMA.

WHAT WILL THE HANDS BE IF THE "TOP SIDE" MANAGES TO CREATE THE STRONGEST HANDS?

THIS IS IT!

"26" VS "63".



THEN WHAT ABOUT THE LAST ROUND!?

FULL HOUSE OF 6 VS FULL HOUSE OF KINGS!

WE LOST!

MADARAME CANNOT WIN AGAINST LALO IN THIS 4TH ROUND!!

OKAY.

THIS IS IT, RIGHT?

"25" VS "44".

"44" FULL HOUSE OF 10 VS "25" THREE OF A KIND OF 5

THE "LAW".

EVEN "25" IS GOING TO LOSE... NO WAY... THEN WHAT WAS THE RIGHT SOLUTION!?

A THREE OF A KIND!!

THAT CAN'T WIN AGAINST A FULL HOUSE!!

HE'S GOING TO LOSE BOTH ROUNDS!?

THAT ONLY APPLIES IF THE "TOP SIDE" MANAGES TO CREATE THE STRONGEST HAND... THE "LAW" IS ONLY THERE FOR CONJECTURING THE RESULT AFTER ALL...

IT'S QUITE PROBABLE

THAT FUKUROU WILL MISS IN THE COMING ROUNDS INDEED.

HONESTLY, EVEN I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE THE CORRECT HANDS WITHOUT USING REAL CARDS IN THE LATTER ROUNDS.

INDEED ...

THE DIFFICULTY FOR THE "TOP SIDE" MUST HAVE RISEN CONSIDERABLY FOR THIS 4TH ROUND.

10

ALSO,

THERE'S ANOTHER THING!!

DR ARE YOU TRYING TO CONFUSE ME!?

KID...

DID YOU REALLY REMEMBER OUR FIGHT?

THAT THING.

IT REALLY BOTHERS ME...

THAT I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT.

K K K Q Q

THERE'S SOME-THING

HACHINA... IF IT'S HIM...

DON'T WORRY.

BUT THE SAME THING MAY HAPPEN TO HAL TOO, RIGHT!?

EXPECTING FUKUROU TO MISS!?

I NEED A MISS TO HAPPEN...

I NEED...

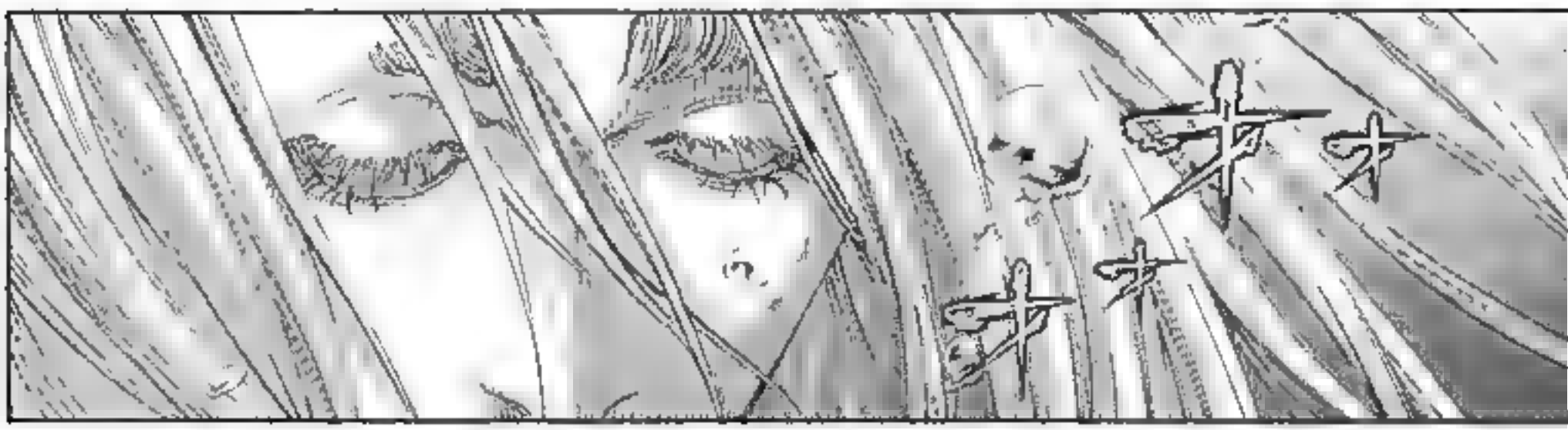
AT THIS RATE, I CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER HIT OF THE WITCH PAIN.

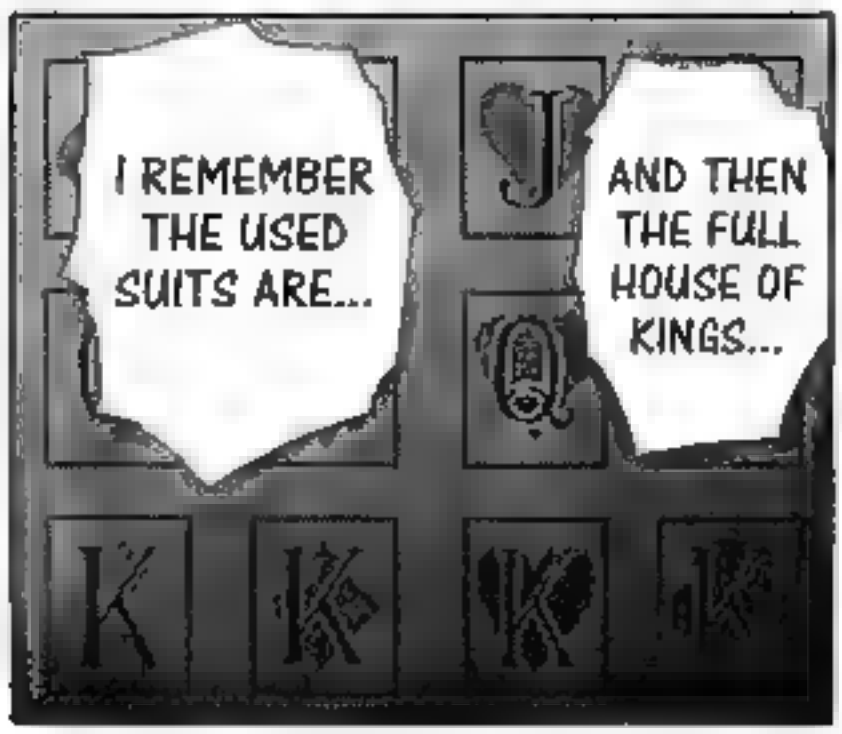
HAL.

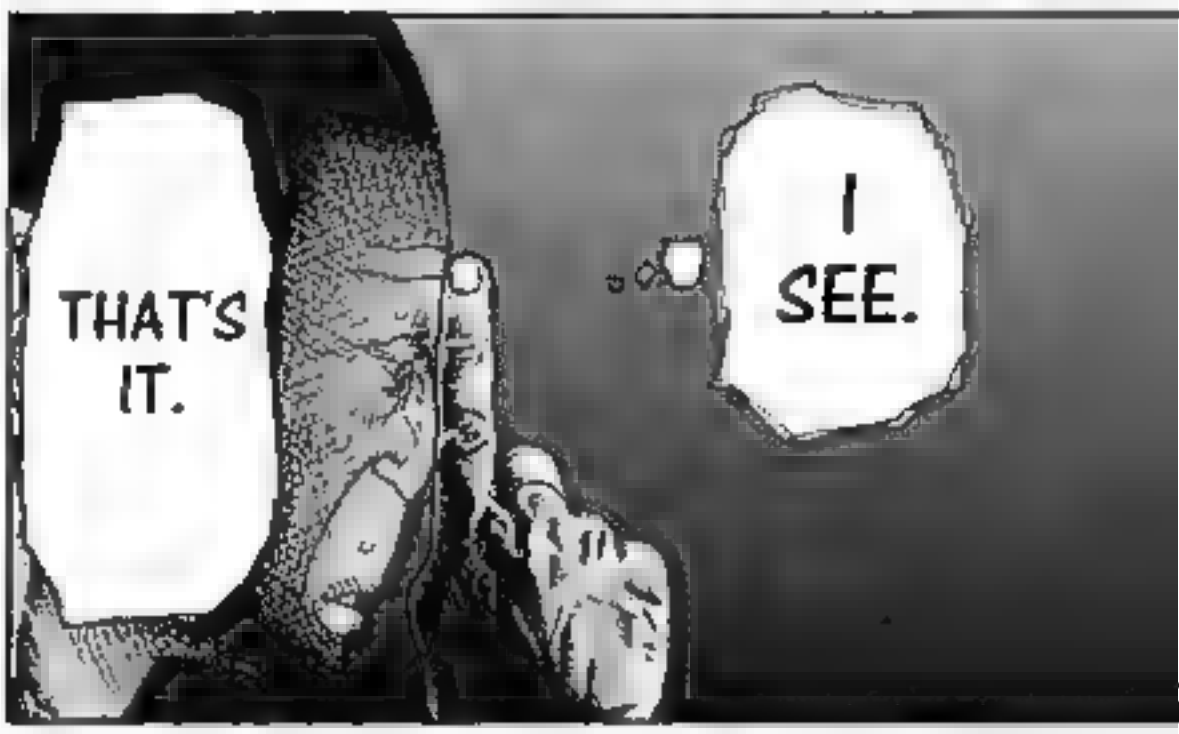
YES,

HAL?

WOULD NEVER END UP FOLDING... HE MIGHT EVEN RAISE!
LALO, WHO'LL WIN ACCORDING TO THE LAW,
THIS BET WILL GET CRAZY!!
BETTING ON FUKUROU'S MISTAKE!? IN THAT CASE,




I REMEMBER THE USED SUITS ARE...
AND THEN THE FULL HOUSE OF KINGS...


THAT'S IT.
I SEE.

8...

7...

TAP

GO!!

!!

63 WILL MISS !!

AS IT IS, NOW WE CAN ONLY PRAY FOR

FUKUROU'S MISS! MISS! MISS!

YEAH, HE'LL MISS!

HE WILL MISS!!

CHECK!!

MADARAME CHECKED!!

HE CAN STILL BET ON A MISS FROM FUKUROU IN THE 5TH ROUND, WHERE THE DIFFICULTY WILL RAISE EVEN HIGHER!!

IT SEEMS IT WAS TOO HARD TO FIGHT AGAINST "63" AFTER ALL!

HE'S NOT BETTING!

LALO WILL BET!!

THE BETTING RIGHTS GOES TO LALO!!

BET

CALL (ACCEPT)

FOLD (QUIT)

HE'LL QUICKLY FOLD IF LALO RAISES!!

MADARAME IS DEFENSIVE!

CALL
RAISE

PRESSURING HIM BY RAISING TO THE LIMIT...

AND ONCE THE OPPONENT BETS,

BAITING HIM BY PLACING A WEAK CHECK,

IF USOGUI HAD BEEN TARGETING THAT ALL ALONG...

LALO, BET ALREADY!

WHAT'S WRONG!?

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...

PREPARED TO DIE WITH THAT RAISE.

THEN, HE IS FULLY

HE'LL WIN FOR SURE IF THE "TOP SIDE" MAKES THE STRONGEST HANDS.

IF LALO CAN PERFORM SUCH A FEAT,

THEN OF COURSE HE'LL BET EVERYTHING!

THIS IS A FIGHT OF WHETHER YOU CAN BLINDLY PUT ALL YOUR FAITH IN THE "TOP SIDE".

THE HAND YOU CREATED IS

FUKU ROU SAMA

INVALID.

LALO

MAX BET.

CHAPTER 461

PARADIGM SHIFT

FOR THEM, NEITHER BLUFFS

THOSE PEOPLE UNWITTINGLY MAKE THE OPPONENT FLINCH.

NOR FEINTS

CAN MAKE THEM WAVER...

GO IN FOR THE KILL WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT.

THEY ARE THE ONES WHO

BET

4
AIR-BIOS

ANTE

CHAPTER 457
PARADIGM SHIFT

63 IS REALLY A STRONG HAND AFTER ALL!!

!!

LALO PLACED HIS BET, BELIEVING IN HIS ALLY AT THE TOP!!

HE BET!!

HAS PLACED HIS HEART ON THE TABLE RIGHT NOW.

IDEAL'S BOSS, VINCENT LALO,

IT'S A BET OF 8 AIR-BIOS.

INCLUDING THE ANTE,

BET... TO THE LIMIT...

REGARDLESS OF WHO WINS THIS,

LALO

8 AIR-BIOS EACH

BET + ANTE

USO-GUI

10 AIR-BIOS LEFT

9 AIR-BIOS LEFT

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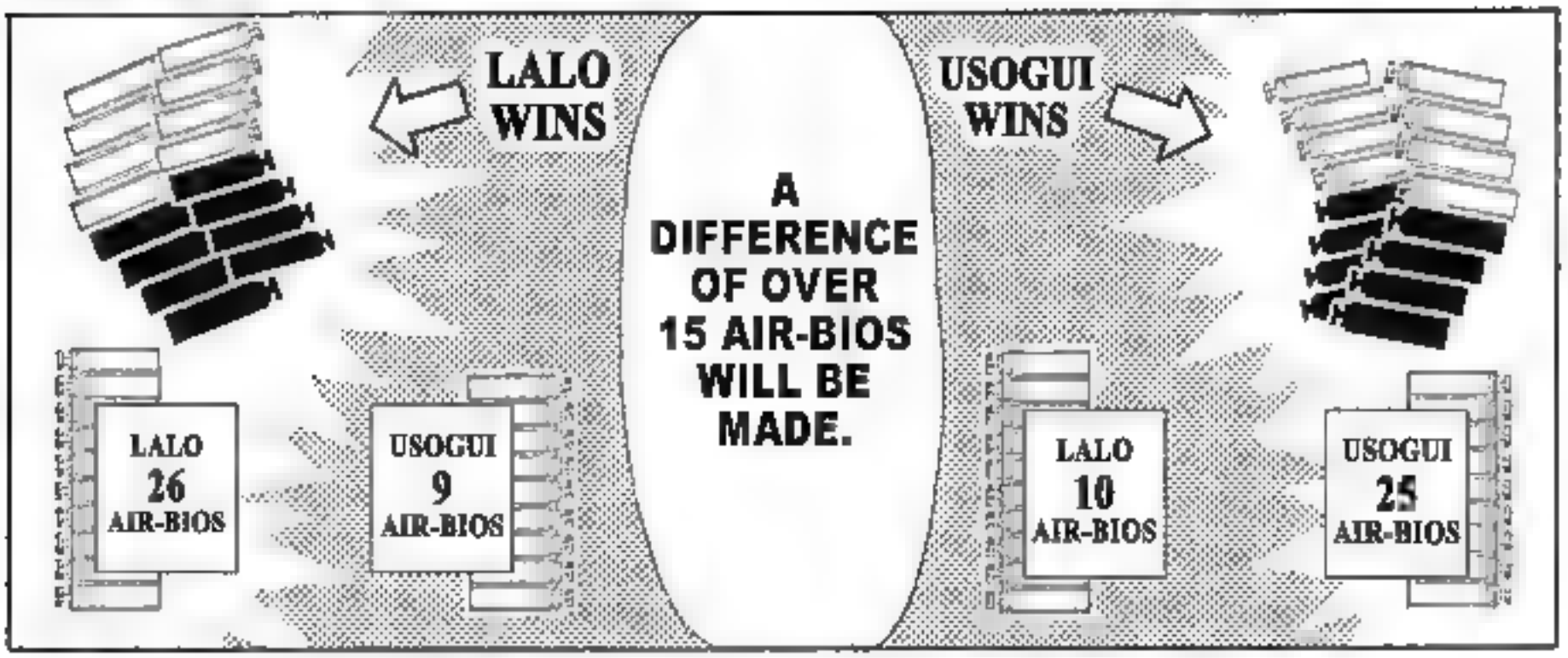
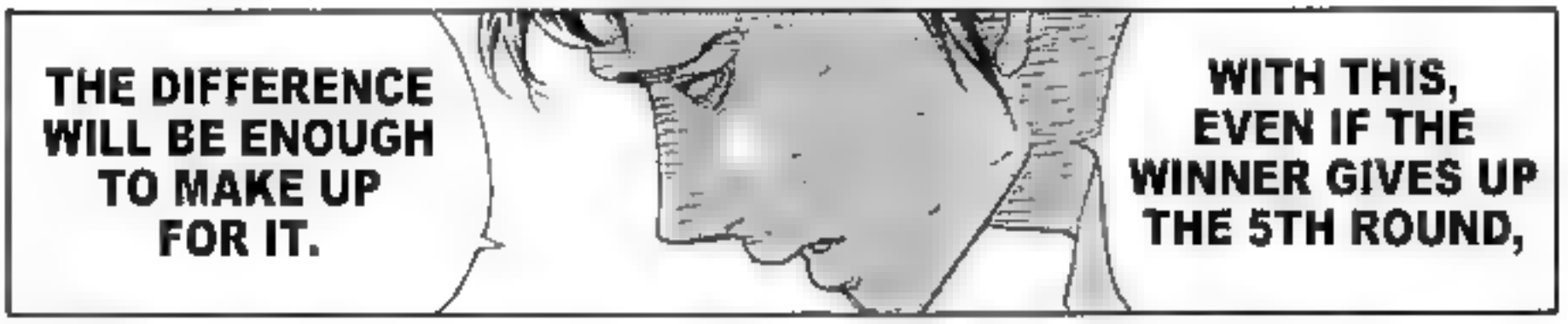
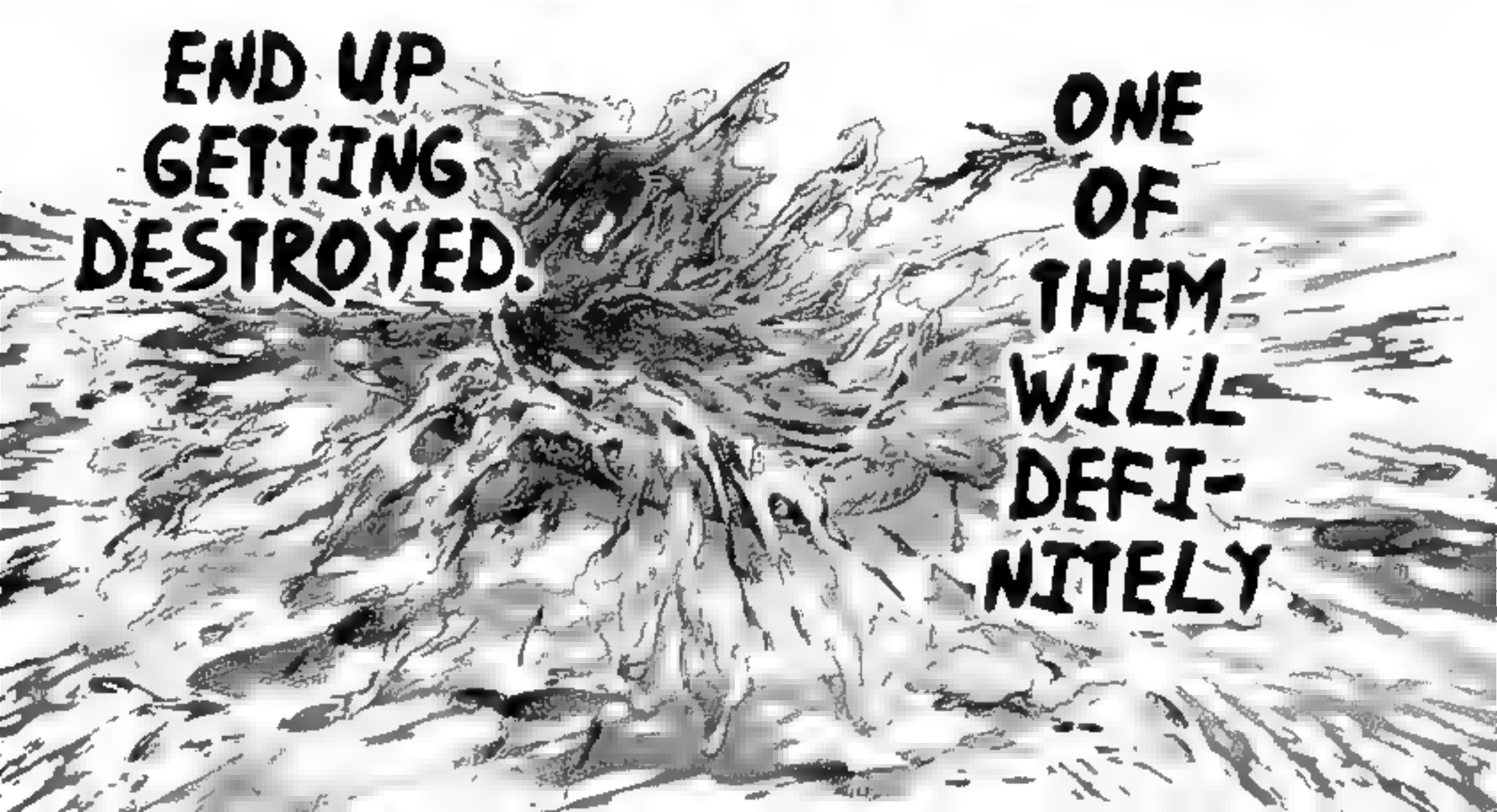
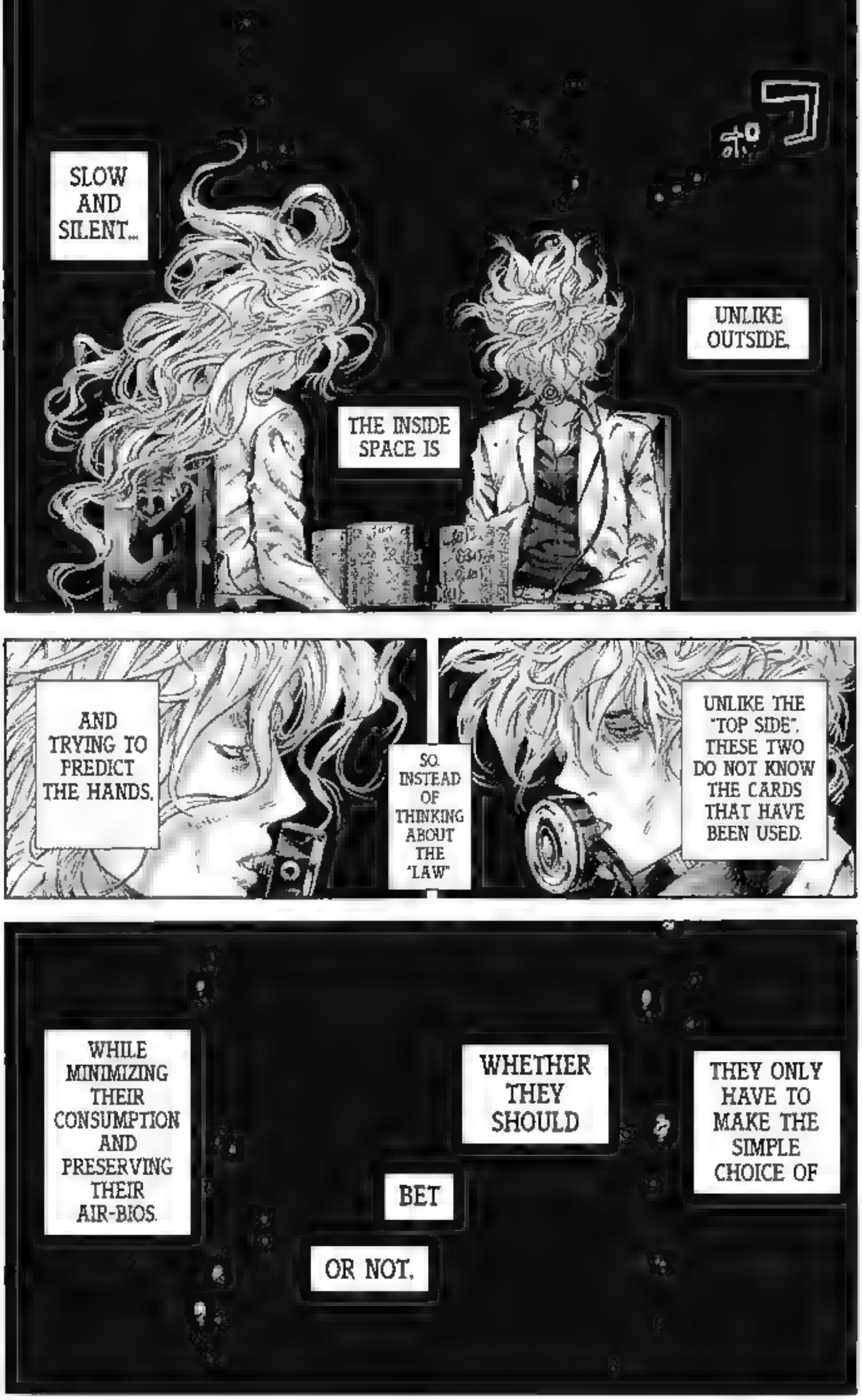

LALO WINS
A DIFFERENCE OF OVER 15 AIR-BIOS WILL BE MADE.
USOGUI WINS
LALO 26 AIR-BIOS
USOGUI 9 AIR-BIOS
LALO 10 AIR-BIOS
USOGUI 25 AIR-BIOS


THE DIFFERENCE WILL BE ENOUGH TO MAKE UP FOR IT.
WITH THIS, EVEN IF THE WINNER GIVES UP THE 5TH ROUND,

ALSO PLACES HIS HEART ON THE TABLE NOW...
IF USOGUI


END UP GETTING DESTROYED.
ONE OF THEM WILL DEFI-NITELY


SLOW AND SILENT...
THE INSIDE SPACE IS
UNLIKE OUTSIDE.
AND TRYING TO PREDICT THE HANDS.
SO. INSTEAD OF THINKING ABOUT THE 'LAW'
UNLIKE THE "TOP SIDE", THESE TWO DO NOT KNOW THE CARDS THAT HAVE BEEN USED.
WHILE MINIMIZING THEIR CONSUMPTION AND PRESERVING THEIR AIR-BIOS.
WHETHER THEY SHOULD
THEY ONLY HAVE TO MAKE THE SIMPLE CHOICE OF
BET
OR NOT.

I WILL PROBABLY WIN

FUKU-ROU...

AS LONG AS HE CAN MAKE THE STRONGEST HAND.

YOU MADE A MISS.

FUKUROU-SAMA.

THE HAND IS INVALID.

K K K Q Q

THERE IS ONE CARD OUT OF THE FULL HOUSE YOU'VE SELECTED

THAT DOES NOT EXIST ANYMORE.

IT HAS ALREADY BEEN USED.

BUMP BUMP BUMP BUMP BUMP BUMP

ON TOP OF THAT, THAT KING OF HEARTS

IN THE FIRST PLACE, "63" IS A SIMPLE NUMBER THAT CAN ONLY BE MADE INTO 2 DIFFERENT HANDS.

WAS USED BY FUKUROU HIMSELF IN THE 3RD ROUND'S ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH!!

10 J Q K A

WHEN AN EXPERT ENDS UP MAKING A MISTAKE, IT WILL GENERALLY BE A VERY BASIC MISTAKE.

IS SUCH A THING... EVEN POSSIBLE !?

UN... UNBELIEV-ABLE...

MAYBE IT'D HAVE ENDED IN A DIFFERENT RESULT IF IT HADN'T BEEN "63" BUT A MUCH MORE DIFFICULT NUMBER.

CALL

CALL & RAISE

FOLD

SEEMS LIKE IT.

LALD IS LOOKING TO TAKE USOGUI DOWN...

WHY?

BUT IN SUCH A CASE, USOGUI...
NO, EVEN IF IT WAS ME, I'D PROBABLY PUSH IT TO THE LIMIT HERE...

INDEED.... INSTEAD OF LETTING LALO RUN AWAY IN THE NEXT ROUND,

RIGHT NOW, THERE IS STILL A CHANCE TO BET BIG... IF IT IS NOW...

THE NEXT CARD IS ALSO A LOSING ONE!

SO, SOMEHOW,

HE HAS TO GO WITH A BIG MOVE!!

IS ALSO AN ESPECIALLY GOOD CHANCE TO KILL HIM TOO.

THE MOMENT THE OPPONENT IS COMING TO KILL YOU,

AREN'T YOU GOOD AT THIS?

YOU CRAZY GAMBLER!!

AS LONG AS SOMEONE BETS HIS EVERYTHING,

ANYONE WOULD EXPECT A MIRACLE TO HAPPEN.

ARE YOU EXPECTING... A MIRACLE?

BUT, DON'T YOU FEEL IT TOO? HOW DO I PUT THIS...

I FEEL LIKE "IT'S NOW!"... "THIS IS IT!"... ALTHOUGH ONLY MODERATELY...

COMING UP TO THIS POINT,

IT'S NOT LIKE THERE IS A SOLID BASIS OR ANYTHING.

LALO IS HOPING FOR MADARAME TO FOLD!!

THEN HE JUST HAS TO CALL!!

IF HE WAS ABLE TO DO SO, HE WOULDN'T HAVE CHECKED AT THE BEGINNING!!

CALL!!

GO!!

RAISE!!

CALL IT, MADARAME!!

THAT'S RECKLESS!!

BET~ BET~

CALL!!

BEYOND EXPECT-ATIONS
WHEN TWO HAPPEN-INGS
END UP COLLIDING.

COLLAPSE.

EVERY PREMISE THAT WAS TRUE UNTIL NOW WILL

AND ALL OF A SUDDEN,

THERE WILL BE A NEW, UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENT.

HE COVERED HIS CARD!

IT-

IT'S A FOLD!!

MADARAME RAN AWAY!!

CHAPTER 458

FOLDING FROM INSTINCT

"IF YOU INSIST ON ME EXPLAINING WHY

I'D SAY IT'S AN INSTINCTIVE DECISION"... HUH.

YOU,

WHO HAS HAD SUCH A LONG RELATIONSHIP WITH US, KAKEROU,

WILL BECOME VINCENT LALO'S ALLY FOR SUCH A REASON?

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MATCH.

NO WAY.

!

ARE YOU GOING TO PURGE ME?

HAVE EMOTIONS.

EVEN WE

HOWEVER, YOU'RE HELPING A GUY THAT IS PLANNING TO TAKE OVER KAKEROU.

...

LET ME MAKE MY INTENTIONS CLEAR.

PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND.

I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF... THIS COULD ALSO BE AN INSTINCT...

ARE YOU PLANNING ON OPENING ALL THE DOORS IN THIS RESIDENCE?

THERE IS NO ONE ELSE THAT LOVES KAKEROU AS STRONGLY AS I DO.

THE REASON I WANT TO HELP LALO IS TO PROTECT KAKEROU. I'D BE TROUBLED IF IT ENDS UP DISAPPEARING... SHALL WE CALL IT... A PROTECTIVE INSTINCT?

BY LETTING US GET TAKEN OVER BY IDEAL?

WHAT ARE YOU PROTECTING

I THINK OF THIS AS NOTHING MORE THAN A "CHANGE".

I DO NOT THINK OF THIS AS A TAKEOVER.

YOU HAVE BEEN PROTECTING AND KEEPING THIS ORGANISATION ALIVE BY MAKING CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURES.

ARE NOT THE SAME IN TERMS OF FORM, OR STRUCTURE, AS YOU USED TO BE.

YES...

EVEN YOU, KAKEROU,

CHANGE...

...

FUKUROU IS A CUNNING MAN WHO IS VERY HARD TO DEAL WITH.

SHION, DO NOT DROP YOUR GUARD

THE PEOPLE WITHIN THE ORGANI-ZATION.

OF COURSE, YOU'D SAY THAT... THAT IS ALSO AN INSTINCT FOR

THERE IS NOT ONE CHANGE WE'RE WISHING FOR THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY BEING TAKEN OVER.

LISTEN,

THERE ALSO EXISTS PROTECTIVE INSTINCTS THAT NEED TO BE BROKEN.

FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU WERE TO CLOSE YOUR EYES IMMEDIATELY,

THIS IS A PROTECTIVE INSTINCT FROM YOUR BODY,

YOU REFLEXIVELY PROTECT YOUR EYEBALLS FROM HARM.

YOU'D BE SHUTTING OUT THE FEARFUL SIGHT,

AND THE ESCAPE ROUTES.

ALL THE THREATS, THE ENEMY POSITIONS,

LOSING CONTACT WITH

WILL ALSO LEAD TO

BUT THIS BEHAVIOR

...

!

END UP COSTING YOUR LIFE...

THAT WILL

IN A BATTLE BETWEEN STRONG ONES,

IT'S A FOLD!!

MADARAME RAN AWAY!!

THE OMENS AND THE SLIGHTEST CHANGES.

LOOKING FOR

IN ORDER TO RAPIDLY ASSESS AND UNDERSTAND THE CHANGES AROUND YOU,

ONE NEEDS TO BREAK THE INSTINCTS MOLDED INTO THEM AND

KEEP ON LOOKING.

CHAPTER 458

FOLDING FROM INSTINCT,

WHAT!?

HE'S FOLDING AFTER ALL!?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND!?

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT HE WOULD LOSE! IT'S INSTINCTIVE TO RUN AWAY!

HE'S RIGHT!

LALO
22
AIR-BIOS

USOGUI
13
AIR-BIOS

Bios

FROM THE 25 I HAD AT THE START,

IT'S 13 AIR-BIOS NOW.

Bios

MY REMAINING AIR-BIOS...

WITH THIS,

LET'S SAY I PAY THE 5 AIR BIOS ANTE IN THE FINAL ROUND... I HAVE LESS THAN ONE HOUR TO LIVE WITH THE REMAINING 8 AIR-BIOS...

8 AIR-BIOS LEFT

40 MINUTES

ANTE -5 AIR-BIOS

YOU CAN BREATHE WITH I FOR AROUND 5 MINUTES, WAS IT...?

.....DID I REALLY MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE BY FOLDING NOW ...?

ANYWAY, EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER IN THE NEXT ROUND.

I'LL BET EVERYTHING ON IT.

AND I HAD WON? NO, NO WAY.

WHAT IF I WENT ON WITH THE BET?

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE... ONE MIRACLE IS ENOUGH TO BET ON.

I DID ALL I COULD.

WITH THIS,

IT'S ALRIGHT.

HE WILL NEVER KNOW.

I'LL WIN.

I CAN WIN.

NEVER.

AS LONG AS HE DOES NOT NOTICE IT.

AS LONG AS HE DOES NOT UNCOVER IT

IT'S CLEAR
THAT I'M
THE ONE
WITH THE
UPPER HAND
RIGHT NOW.

I TOOK
ONE STEP
AHEAD
IN THIS
BATTLE...

THAT I AM NOT THE ONE WITH AN ADVANTAGE HERE.

RIGHT NOW, MY INSTINCTS ARE TELLING ME

AND THAT IS DANGEROUS.

I HAVE TO SEE THROUGH IT.

WAS IT A FOLD DUE TO HIM BEING AT A LOSS FOR HIS NUMBER'S DISADVANTAGE AND HAVING NO METHODS TO DEAL WITH IT?

HE FOLDED JUST NOW.

OR COULD IT BE THAT HE IS HIDING SOMETHING?

THAT IS THE KIND OF MAN HE, MADARAME BAKU, IS.

WHAT COULD HE BE PLANNING?

IF HE ENDS UP SEEING THROUGH IT.

I WILL LOSE

NOW,

FINALLY THE END IS NEAR.

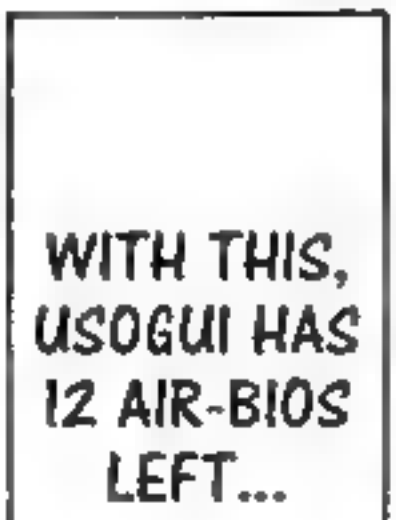
ISN'T THE 5TH ROUND GOING TO START YET?

NOT YET?

SHIT! NOT YET!? COME ON, START THE 5TH ROUND ALREADY!

!

WHAT
IS THAT, REFEREE MANABE?
WHAT?


WITH THIS, USOGUI HAS 12 AIR-BIOS LEFT...

THE REMAINING AIR IS AT ZERO.
HE'LL CHANGE.

YOU'RE BLEEDING.

!

...

OPEN AND OMENS!

YOUR EYES GRASP THE

I WON.

THE FINALE

5TH ROUND BEGINS

SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS.

CHAPTER 459
THE HIDDEN LANDMINE

THE FEAR AND THE COURAGE THAT HAVE BEEN INGRAINED WITHOUT NOTICE.

THEY ARE NOT OPPOSITES ...

BUT INSTEAD HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CLOSE TO EACH OTHER.

IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OVERCOME FEAR ONCE IT'S BEEN ENGRAVED IN YOUR MIND

IT'S UNBREAK-ABLE.

ITS POWER TO DOMINATE THE HUMAN MIND

THERE IS NOTHING AS TROUBLESOME AS FEAR.

IS INFINITELY STRONGER

THAN COURAGE...

CHAPTER 1459
THE HIDDEN LANDMINE

EXECUTION BY SHOOTING

PEOPLE

CANNOT BREAK THE INSTINCTS EMBEDDED IN THEIR ROOTS...

WE WILL BEGIN THE 5TH ROUND, WHICH WILL BE THE LAST.

THEN,

.....

I AM EXTREMELY SURPRISED... SO MANY EVENTS HAPPENED THAT WERE OUTSIDE OF MY PREDICTIONS.

TO BE HONEST,

AND WHAT A REFEREE IS...

WHAT A KAKEROU MATCH IS.

REFE-REE...

...

THAT MAN'S WORDS

WERE NOTHING LIKE LIES OR DELUSIONS.

NOW, I UNDER-STAND.

!

THIS IS THE **REASON** FOR THE BLOOD.

REFEREE NOWA...

THIS IS A LANDMINE.

THIS IS!?

THIS

IN OTHER WORDS. THIS 5TH ROUND IS...

THIS IS NOW A BATTLE OF

WHETHER HE WILL WALK ONTO IT OR NOT...

A LANDMINE HAS BEEN PLACED IN THAT BATTLE-FIELD.

ALL-IN GAMBL-ING

THE 5TH ROUND OF

T-

"25"!?

"44"!!

A STRAIGHT FLUSH?

LALO WAS SCARED FOR A MOMENT...

25!? NO WAY... 25 IS!!

WERE ALREADY

THE CARDS NEEDED TO MAKE "25" A STRAIGHT FLUSH

THERE'S NO STRAIGHT FLUSH ANYMORE.

USED IN THE 4TH ROUND IN ORDER TO MAKE THE STRONGEST HAND FOR "26".

BUT

..ONLY FOR A MOMENT

BUT THERE'S NO MORE STRAIGHT FLUSH RIGHT NOW.

HE CANNOT MAKE A STRAIGHT FLUSH ANYMORE WITH 25... HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE IT IN THE 4TH ROUND...

AT BEST, BAKU-SAN'S "25" CAN BE MADE INTO A THREE OF A KIND OF 5.

BETTER THAN USOGUI'S THREE OF A KIND.

BETTER.

MY "44" IS

10 10 10 7 7

MUCH STRONGER

MY BEST HAND CAN BE A FULL HOUSE OF 10.

THAN HIS "25"!

5 5 5 3 7

YOUR LAST REMAINING PLAY- NO, RATHER THAN A REMAINING PLAY, I SHOULD SAY IT'S A PRAYER TO GOD- IS NOW...

YOUR LAST REMAINING HAND...

ONLY ONE...

TO PRAY FOR THE "TOP SIDE" TO MAKE A MISTAKE, ISN'T IT?

ARE YOU... SCARED?

!

LALO-SAMA WILL START THE BET.

...

FINAL CHOICE.

THIS IS THE

BET

CHECK (NO BET)

FOLD (QUIT)

THE BATTLE WILL BE DECIDED... I HAVE TO THINK OF EVERY POSSIBILITY.

DEPEND-ING ON THAT CHOICE,

MY BEST CHOICE HERE?

WHAT WOULD BE

AND FIGHT AGAINST HIM, WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

IF I PLACE AIR-BIOS ON THE TABLE

10 AIR-BIOS EACH SIDE

IF I'M GOING TO BET OR CHECK...

BET

CHECK

FOLD

I HAVE TO THINK CAREFULLY. IN THIS CASE, WHERE DO I HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF LOSING? WHICH ACTION WILL LEAD TO MY DEFEAT...?

THE NUMBERS ARE ADVAN-TAGEOUS FOR ME...

I'LL END UP DYING WITH SUCH A BIG GAP.

LALO
12
AIR-BIOS

USOGUI
22
AIR-BIOS

IF FUKUROU ENDS UP SCREWING UP,

I'LL STILL LOSE.

12
AIR-BIOS

CALA-MITY

17
AIR-BIOS

EVEN IF I PAY ONLY THE ANTE, AND A CALAMITY OCCURS,

ERASE EVEN THE SMALLEST POSSIBILITY, I CANNOT "BET".

IF I WANT TO

Bet

AS LONG AS THERE ARE MATTERS DECIDED BY FUKUROU, I CANNOT EXCLUDE A DEFEAT.

MEANING THAT MY REMAINING OPTION IS...

FOLD

FOLD

FOLD

LALO

USO-GUI

EVEN IF I END UP LOSING 5 AIR-BIOS BY FOLDING,

OUR BIOS WILL BE EQUAL, AND THE AIR POKER WILL END.

LALO
17
AIR-BIOS

VS

USOGUI
17
AIR-BIOS

A BATTLE OF RESILLENCE WITH OUR REMAINING BIOS.

THE BATTLE WILL CHANGE FROM GAMBLING TO

WHICH ONE WILL SURVIVE LONGER.

IT'LL BE A SUDDEN DEATH OF

"I WILL WIN"...

IF IT IS ME,

TO THE "TOP SIDE".

IT'S DEFI-NITELY BETTER THAN LEAVING MY LUCK

IF HE DOES NOT NOTICE THIS LANDMINE...

IT'S GAME OVER.

CHAPTER 460

THE SCANNING 1 AIR-BIOS

WE WILL THEN HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF AIR-BIOS

AND ENTER A RESIL-LENCE BATTLE OF OXYGEN.

17 AIR-BIOS

VS

17 AIR-BIOS

I WILL FOLD IN THIS 5TH ROUND.

AND THEN, "AIR POKER" WILL BE OVER.

USOGUL, WHO JUST CHANGED HIS AIR-BIOS, HAS MORE OXYGEN REMAINING...

EVEN THOUGH THE REMAINING AIR-BIOS WILL BE THE SAME,

LOOKING AT HIS BREATHING PACE UNTIL NOW, HE BREATHED 1 AIR-BIOS MORE THAN I DID.

YET...

IF TIME GOES ON LIKE THIS,

THE GAP WILL GRADUALLY INCREASE.

AND, I WILL BE THE ONE WITH MORE OXYGEN IN THE END...

ALL THE PEOPLE AROUND HERE WHO KNOW USOGUI WELL,

IN THIS FAST-PACED LAST ROUND.

DEFI-NITELY.

HAVE ALREADY NOTICED THAT PITFALL.

...
LEAST...

HIM FOLDING IN THE FOURTH ROUND GAVE BIRTH TO THIS SITU-ATION...

THIS IS NOT GOOD~

GAMBLING DEPENDS ON FATE.

IN A SENSE, HE IS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THIS ON TO HIMSELF.

AT LEAST!

KA-KAJI!?

?

AT LEA-

ST...

TO...

TO LET SOMEONE JUST SLOWLY DIE OFF FROM THAT KIND OF LOSS...

AT LEAST FIGHT WITH NUMBERS!!

THIS IS THE END! AT LEAST FACE OFF, RIGHT!!

WATCH IT THOROUGHLY.

AT SUCH A TIME,

ONCE THAT MAN IS DRIVEN INTO A TIGHT CORNER,

HE ALWAYS

.....

YOU HAVE TO

BURN MADARAME BAKU'S FIGHT INTO YOUR EYES.

IF YOU OBSTRUCT THE MATCH,

YOU'LL BE PURGED.

HUH!!

BEING PURGED MIGHT BE GREAT TOO!!

WE ARE FRIENDS, IF BAKU-SAN HAS TO DIE, THEN I...

ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT THIS?

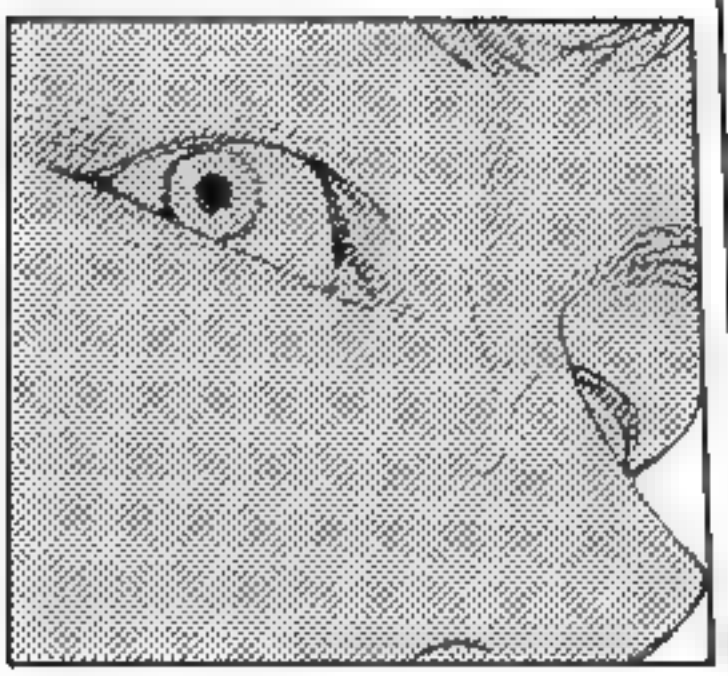
YEAH.

THE ONE WHO'LL BECOME A KAKEROU MEMBER

IS HIM...

HIS REAL MOTIVE...

KAJI SAMA... YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND



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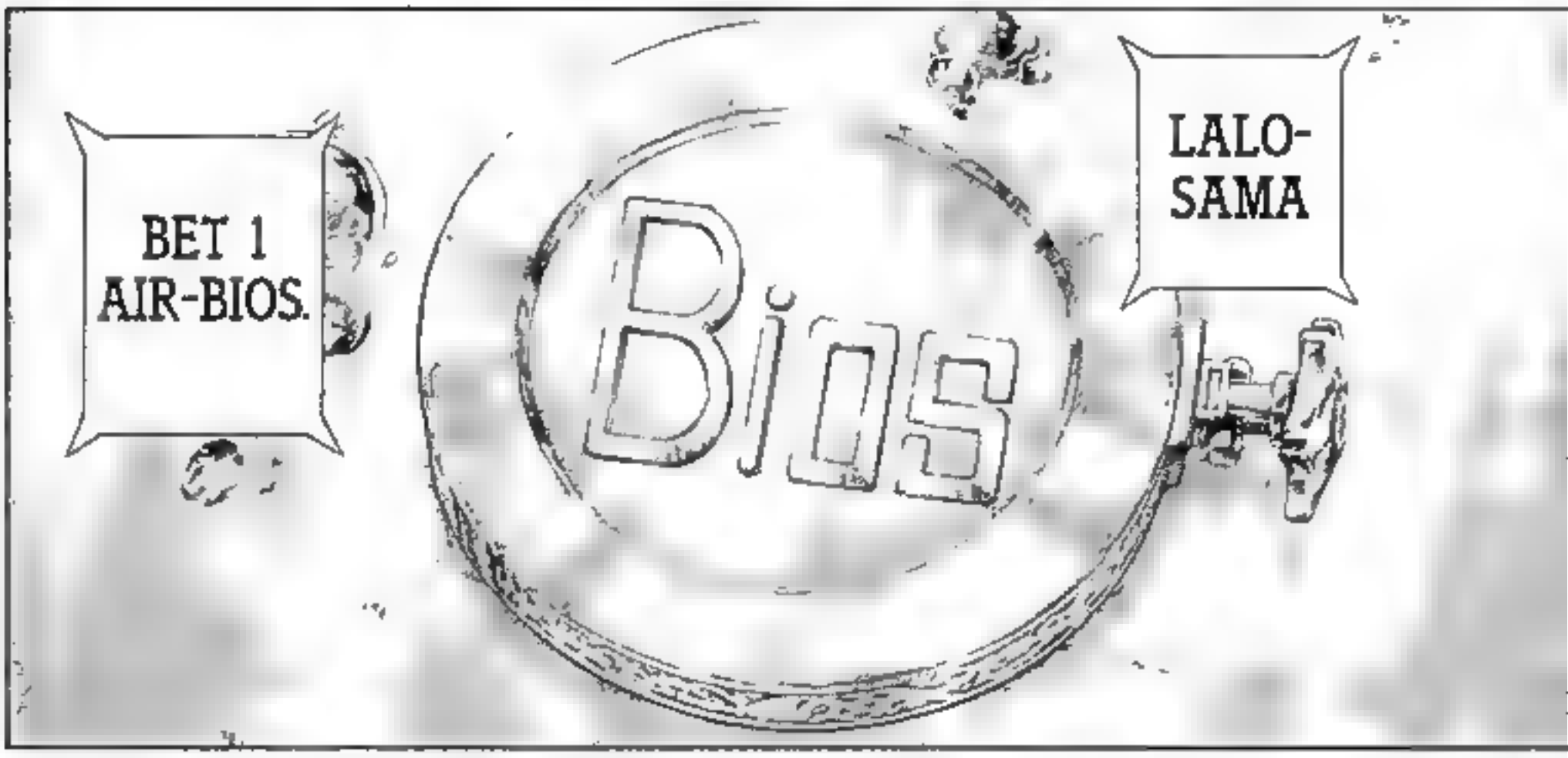
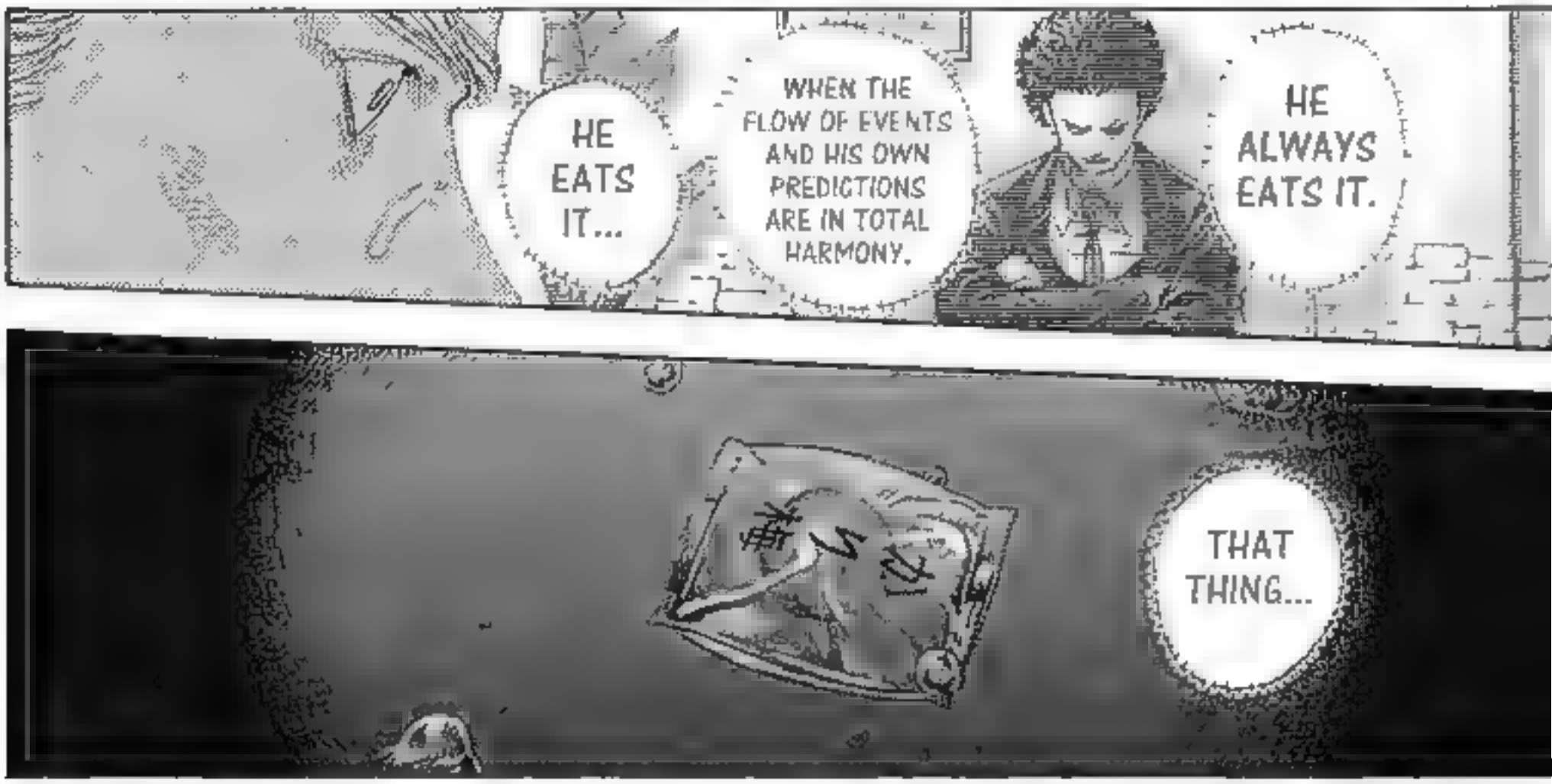

BET 1
AIR-BIOS.
Bing
LALO-
SAMA


HE
EATS
IT...
WHEN THE
FLOW OF EVENTS
AND HIS OWN
PREDICTIONS
ARE IN TOTAL
HARMONY.
HE
ALWAYS
EATS IT.
THAT
THING...

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I HAVE NOT WON THIS FIGHT YET.

IT IS AT SUCH A TIME THAT PEOPLE END UP LOSING...

BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE, THEY STOP THINK-ING.

EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE NOT WON YET, ONCE PEOPLE

I THOUGHT HE'D DEFINITELY FOLD THERE...

HE BET 1 AIR-BIOS!

WHAT IS THAT GUY THINK-ING ...!?

RIGHT NOW?

HE BET 1 AIR-BIOS ...?

SHIT...

RAISE TO THE LIMIT, 6 AIR-BIOS

CALL, 1 AIR-BIOS

MY REAL...

REMAIN-ING...

HE WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH IT WITH ONLY 30 SECONDS.

BUT IT'S OKAY.

0
AIR-BIOS
LEFT

FINAL
BETTING
PHASE.

THIS WILL
BE THIS
GAME'S

THIS
IS IT.

THE
ENDGAME.

FI-
FINALLY...

HE
SAW...

IT'S LIKE
A FINAL
DEATH
SCREAM...

THE LAST
CHOICE.

DURING
THE
ENDING.

"HEY, THIS IS THE FINALE, SO LET US GO OUT WITH A BANG! BATTLE ME WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT !!"

A TINY OMEN

A MOVE-MENT

THAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS RAISE OF YOURS.

YOU WANT ME TO BELIEVE THAT, RIGHT?

I SAW A STRANGE OMEN IN HIS BEHAVIOR.

I BET I AIR-BIOS IN ORDER TO UNCOVER THAT OMEN.

THAT I AIR-BIOS BET IS PERFECT.

LET'S SAY THAT

LALO

UEKUSU

IF HE JUST CALLED AND BATTLED WITH 1 AIR-BIOS,

16 AIR-BIOS

18 AIR-BIOS

HE ENDS UP WINNING BECAUSE OF FUKUROU'S MISS, HE'LL GAIN 2 AIR-BIOS.

WHY DID HE RAISE

BUT NOT CALL?

AND WIN THE FIGHT.

HE'D CREATE A GAP OF 2 AIR-BIOS OVER ME,

OR,

COULD IT ALSO BE THIS...?

COULD IT BE THAT HE DIDN'T FEEL CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO WIN WITH A 2 AIR-BIOS DIFFERENCE ONLY?

OR, MAYBE HE JUST WANTED TO GO ALL-IN FOR THE FINALE?

A GAP OF 2 AIR-BIOS IS ENOUGH TO WIN.

WITHIN THE WATER.

WHY DID HE CHOOSE TO RAISE INSTEAD?

THEN,

THIS WOULD BE WHY HE COULD NOT CALL.

WAS NEVER HIS WISH.

HAVING A BATTLE WITH A DISADVAN-TAGEOUS NUMBER

ONLY THAT.

MAKING ME FOLD.

THEN, WHAT ARE HIS REMAINING PATHS TO VICTORY...?

HE DOES NOT WANT TO CALL'AND BATTLE.

IS EXACTLY WHAT HE'S AIMING FOR?

ENTERING A BATTLE OF RESILIENCE BY FOLDING...

MY OBJECTIVE AT THE BEGINNING,

COULD IT BE THAT

CLACK

CLACK

CLACK

THEN, WHAT ARE THOSE PREPAR-ATIONS...?

WITHIN THIS WATER...

IF I DIDN'T STRAIN MY EYES TO SEE IT...

I COULD NEVER HAVE FOUND IT...

IF I DIDN'T SCAN IT WITH MY 1 AIR-BIOS BET,

CLACK

CLACK

MADE THE PREPARATIONS TO WIN

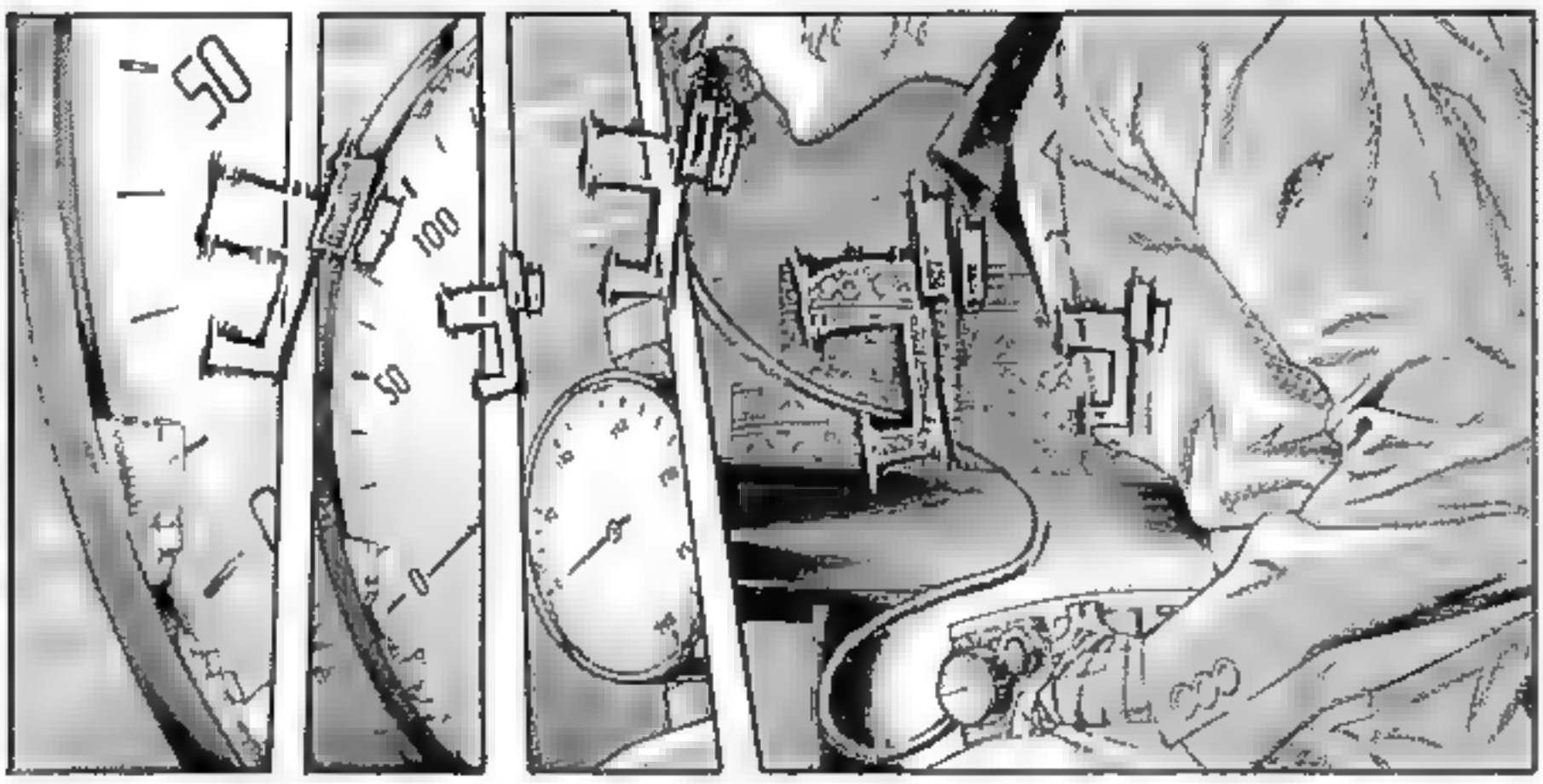
ONLY WHEN WE ENTER A RESILIENCE BATTLE.

THAT MAN...

THAT MAN...

THAT MAN...

GOST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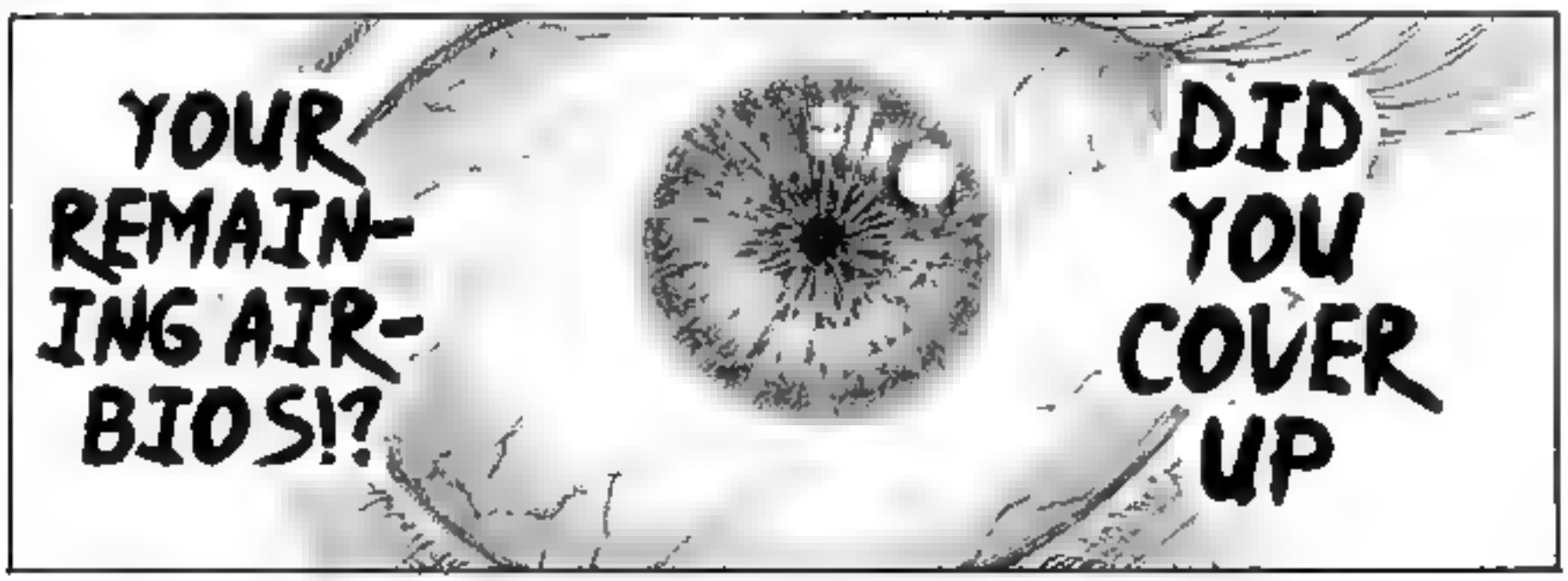
YOUR REMAIN-ING AIR-BIOS!?
DID YOU COVER UP

TP STORY

I WAS STANDING IN A SQUARE JUNGLE.

THAT DAY,

IT WAS ALCOHOL.

I'LL SHOW YOU-

COME TO THINK OF IT,

HEHE HE.

HICCUP

IT WAS ALCOHOL THAT MADE ME INSANE

SHOCHU

DEADLY!

DEFINITION: A STUPID ACT DONE WITHOUT THINKING.

"A FOOLISH DEED"

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME SAKATA TOSHIO

WHY WOULD I, A MANGA ARTIST WHO WORKS ON A WEEKLY MAGAZINE, ENROLL IN A MARTIAL ARTS COMPETITION!!

I SIMPLY LIKE MARTIAL ARTS... THAT'S ALL...

I'M GONNA DIE!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I DOING!?

TO... TOKORO-SAN!!

SECOND

SAKO-SENSEI!!!

THAT WE HAVE TO ENJOY IT.

IT'S BECAUSE WE LIKE IT

WE STARTED PRACTICING BECAUSE WE LIKE MARTIAL ARTS.

SENSEI,

DON'T BE SO STIFF LIKE THAT.

THE OPPO-NENT!

SENSEI, DON'T WORRY.

ENJOY IT AS BEST YOU CAN!!

TO... TOKORO-SAN...

TOKORO-SAN!!

TOKORO-SAN!!

TO-

TOKORO-SAN!?

DON'T WORRY.

"USOGUI, THE OLD MEN'S FIGHT" (嘘喰い ザ・オヤジファイト) ON YOUTUBE.

READERS WHO CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT VOLUME, PLEASE SEARCH

A SURPRISING ENDING APPEARS.

AFTER THAT.

THE MATCH BEGINS ...

GONG~

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CHAPTER 461
THE UNCOVERED LANDMINE

USOGUI'S MAX RAISE.

WITH THIS,

MAX RAISE

NOW ALL THAT REMAINS IS

IS NOW GONE.

ANY DECISION THAT MADARAME BAKU CAN MAKE DURING AIR POKER

HIS LAST CHOICE.

CALLS (ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE)

OR

FOLDS (QUIT)

WHE-THER LALO

FOLD OR CALL

TO BLEED,

TO GLARE,

THERE ARE STILL THINGS HE CAN DO.

TO BE EXCITED.

.....

THERE'S STILL A HOPE.

THAT 1 AIR-BIOS...

BUT...

IF LALO HAD FOLDED RIGHT NOW, THE FIGHT WOULD HAVE BEEN OVER EASILY...

TO BE AFRAID...

IN SUCH A SHORT TIME...

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...

REAL REMAI-NING AIR-BIOS...

WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REACH MY

HE...

HAVE YOU BEEN CAMOU-FLAGING

YOUR REMAINING AIR-BIOS!?

THOSE USED AIR-BIOS, AT YOUR FEET...

CHAPTER 461

THE UNCOVERED LANDMINE

THOSE AIR-BIOS!?

THERE'S OXYGEN HIDDEN IN

AND MOVED THE NEEDLE

TO ZERO.

YOU BROKE THE

PRES-SURE GAUGE,

THIS GLASS SHARD

IS FROM

THE REGULATOR'S PRESSURE GAUGE?

YOU SHOWED ME THE REGULATOR...

TO LET ME CONFIRM YOU REALLY HAD NO MORE OXYGEN IN IT.

WITHIN THE WATER, AT SUCH A DISTANCE, I COULDN'T CONFIRM WHETHER THE GLASS WAS THERE OR NOT.

THEN, PRETENDING THAT YOU JUST RAN OUT OF ALL YOUR OXYGEN,

DELUDING MY EYES,

YOU PUT ON QUITE THE INNOCENT ACT,

I NEVER SAW IT...

HOWEVER, I STILL HAVE DETAILS TO CONFIRM.

WHEN DID YOU BREAK IT!?

YOUR SECRET TRICK...

TO KEEP IT HIDDEN...

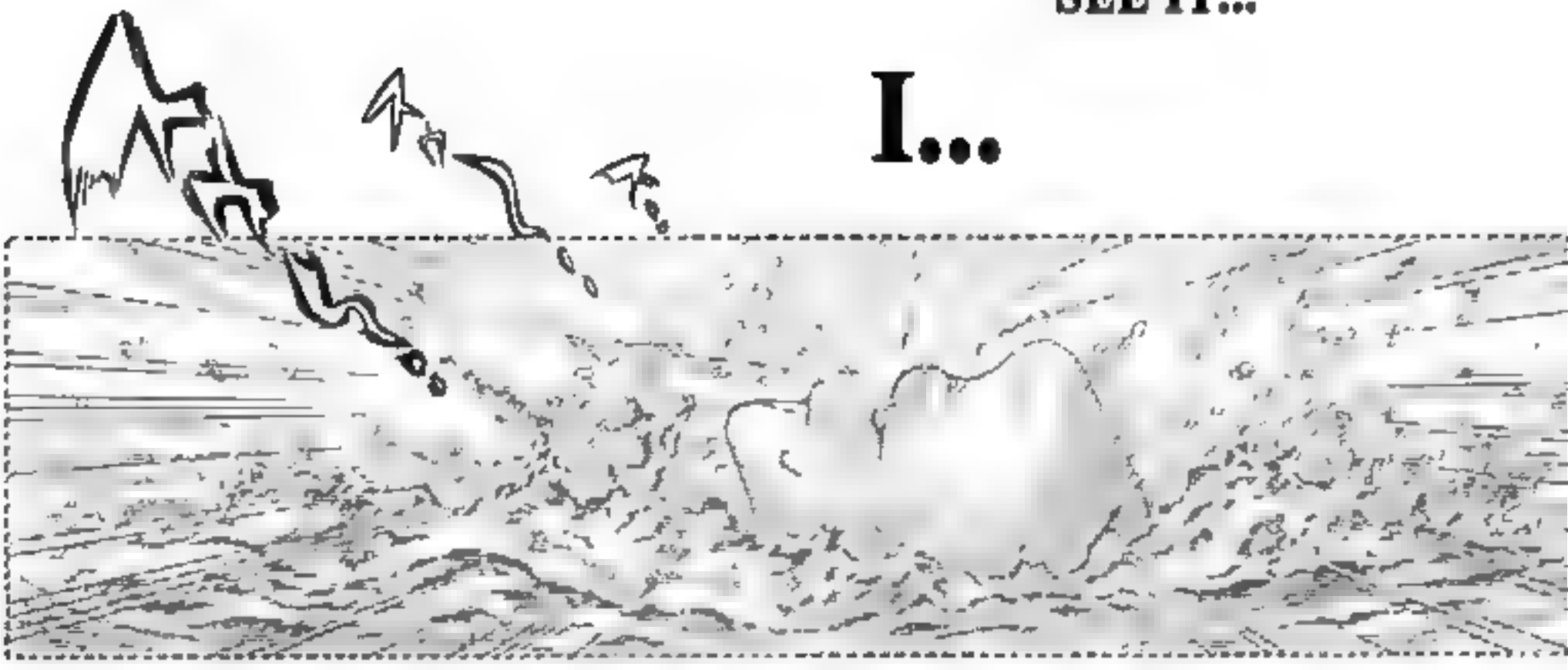
I... DIDN'T SEE IT...

IT WAS NOT SEEN BY LALO...

I DIDN'T...

SEE IT...

I...



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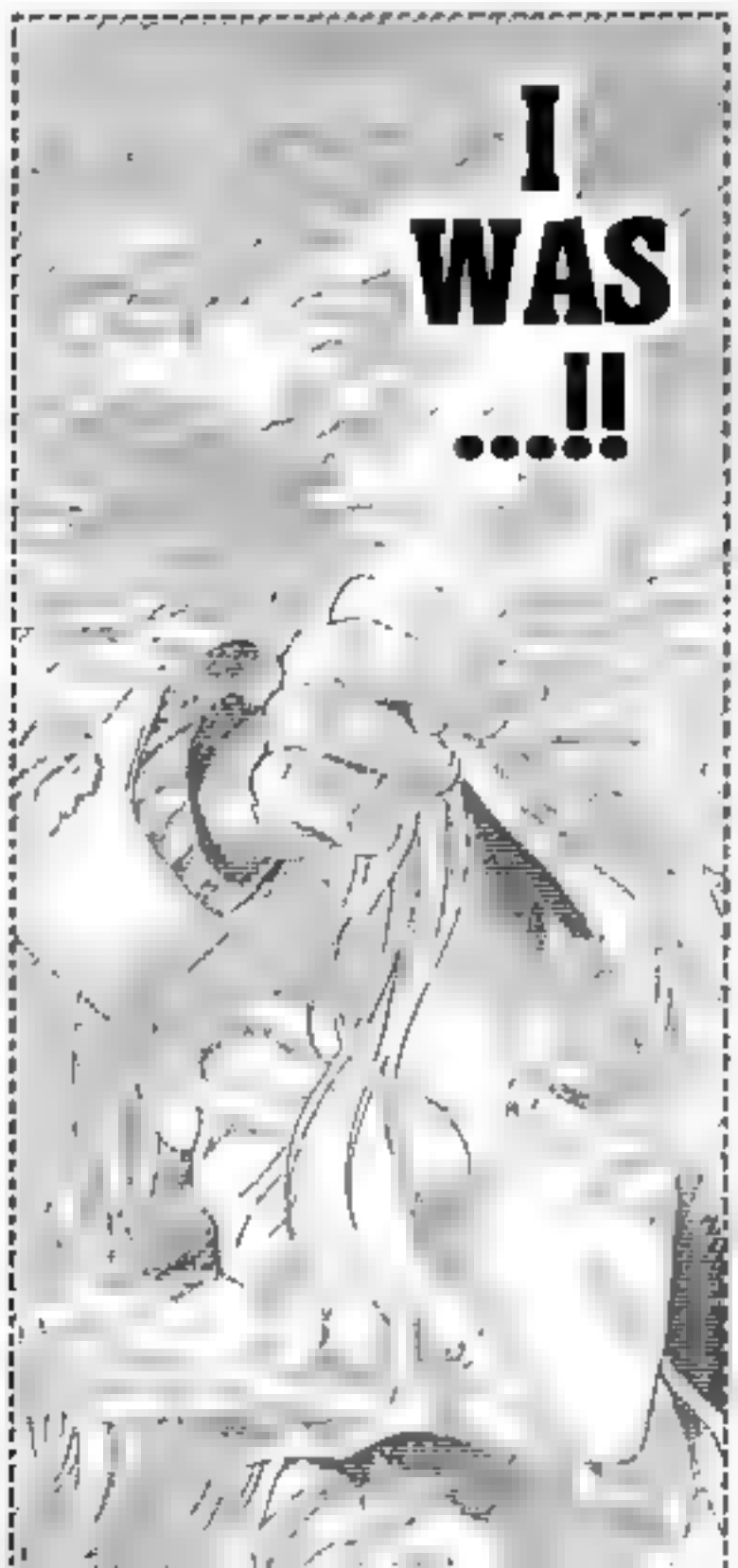

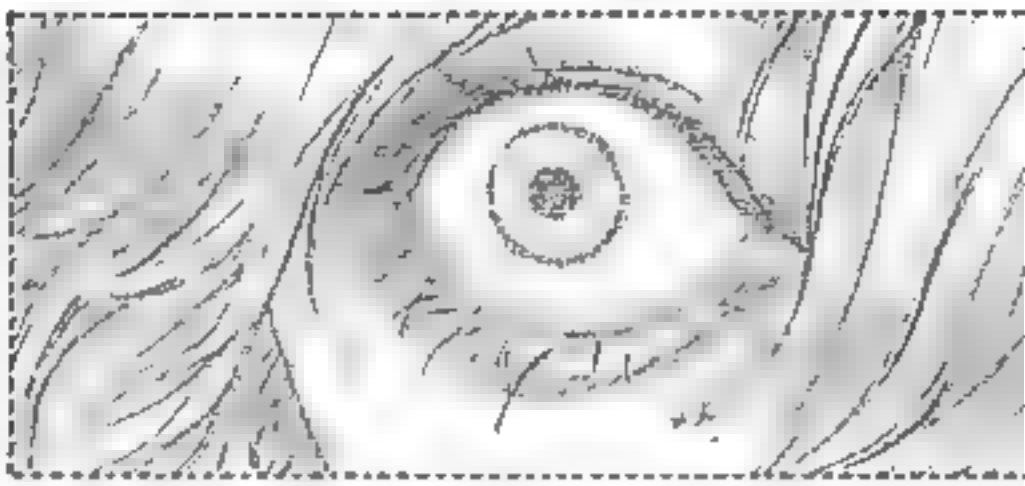

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CRACK

AT THAT TIME... I WASN'T LOOKING AT HIM...

BEFORE THE WATER WAS FULLY POURED...

BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THE GAME EVEN BEGAN...

CAMOU-FLAGING HIS AIR-BIOS AT SUCH AN EARLY PHASE!?

THAT GUY HAD ALREADY BEEN THINKING ABOUT

THAT'S IT.

IT WAS AT THAT TIME.

WHAT IF

AND RAN AWAY?

I ENDED UP AVOIDING THE FIGHT

HIDING THAT INVISIBLE AIR RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES.

NINE TIMES OUT OF TEN, I WOULD'VE RUN AWAY.

I WOULD'VE RUN AWAY.

IF I HAD ENDED UP HAVING ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE AIR-BIOS THAN HIM,

IF I FOLD NOW,

THE ONE WHO WILL DIE FIRST WILL BE...

I WOULD HAVE ENDED UP THINK-ING, AND BELIEV-ING THAT...

AFTER ALL, I WOULD'VE ENDED UP THINKING THAT

I AM WINNING IN TERMS OF OXYGEN QUANTITY.

ME...

WHAT IS THIS MAN...!?

I... MISJUDGED HIM.

WILL HE ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE OR RUN AWAY!?

I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHICH IS THE CORRECT CHOICE!!

CALL OR FOLD!?

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

RESERVING HIS AIR-BIOS?

SUCH A THING IS IMPOS-SIBLE...

NO... I'M OVERTHINKING THIS.

HE

ALREADY DIED ONCE.

SUFFER-
ING
THROUGH
MY
PATIENT
THOUGHT
PROCESS.

BETTING
ALL HIS
REMAINING
AIR-BIOS
IN THE 2ND
ROUND,

STRUGGLING
IN AGONY.

HIS
PUPILS
DILATED
AND

HE

DIED.

THE AIR-BIOS AT HIS FEET...

DIDN'T EVEN TAKE A PEEK AT IT.

HOW-EVER, HE...

HE'D HAVE USED IT.

IF HE HAD BEEN KEEPING OXYGEN, THEN AT THAT TIME,

IS COMPLETELY IGNORING THE OXYGEN IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE?

IS SUCH A THING POSSIBLE? WHILE DROWNING,

IMPOS-SIBLE.

HE KEPT ON WINNING BY DOING THINGS THOUGHT TO BE UNBELIEVABLE.

CONTRADICTIONS AND COMMON SENSE.

THAT BREAK THE NORMS.

THAT'S HOW HE HAS KEPT ON WINNING UNTIL NOW.

USING TRICKS

I'D NEVER BELIEVE IT.

ALL IN ORDER TO BE DEFEATED BY ME.

BECOMING A KING

THAT HE WAS DESPERATE TO BECOME A "KING".

CUTTING HIS FINGER OFF JUST TO MAKE ME BELIEVE

LOSING HIS FINGER JUST TO BECOME A "KING",

IS THAT FINGER ALRIGHT?

LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD QUITE THE HARD TIME

I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT.

YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL...

SLOW-LY,

IN ORDER TO NOT BREAK THE GAME'S RULE REGARDING "AVOIDING THE HINDRANCE OF THE GAME" THROUGH "CHANGING THE AIR-BIOS TOO FREQUENTLY"...

IT SEEMS YOU REALLY ARE HIDING OXYGEN...

BIT BY BIT, RETAINING HIS OXYGEN...

GRAD-UALLY,

I WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY DIED....

IF I HAD...

FOLDED A MOMENT AGO,

MADARAME BAKU.

I'VE UN-COVERED

YOUR LANDMINE

AND...

THE BORDERS OF YOUR ILLUSION.

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KOU-
SAN…

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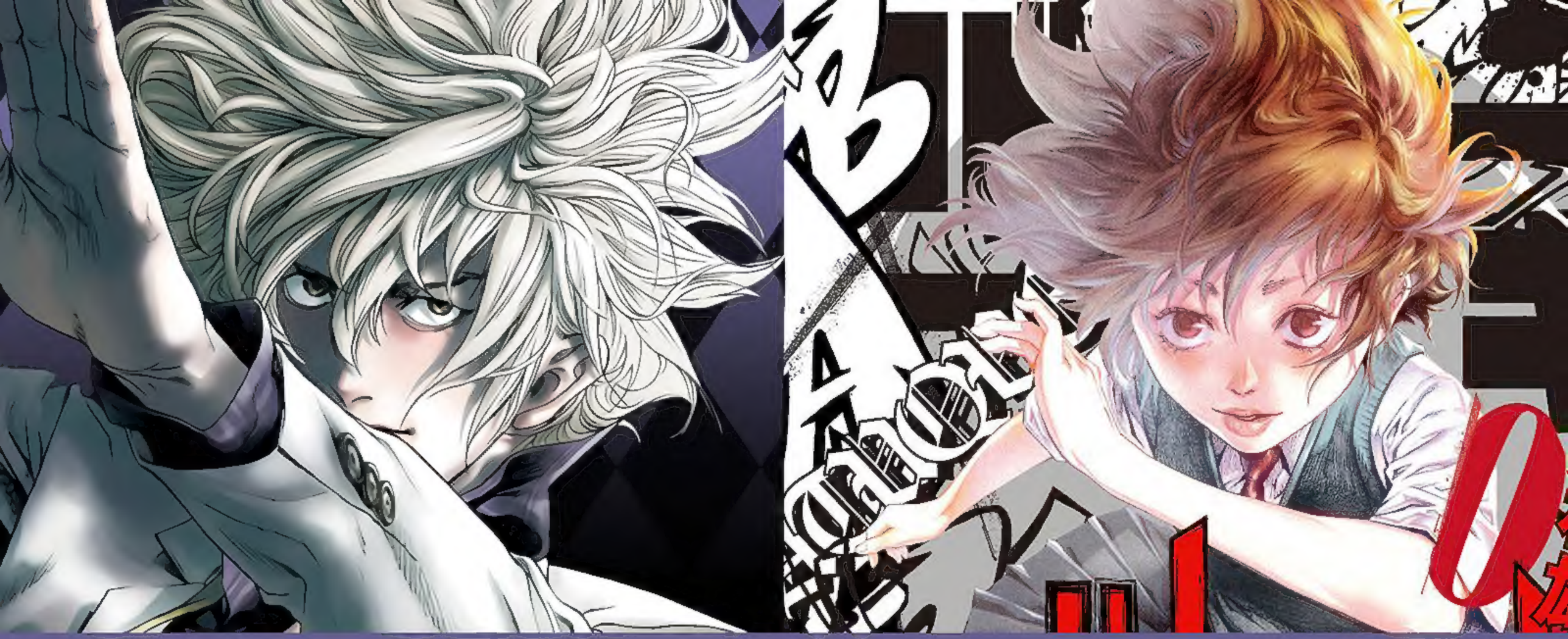

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